

# Rare $b$ decays at LHCb

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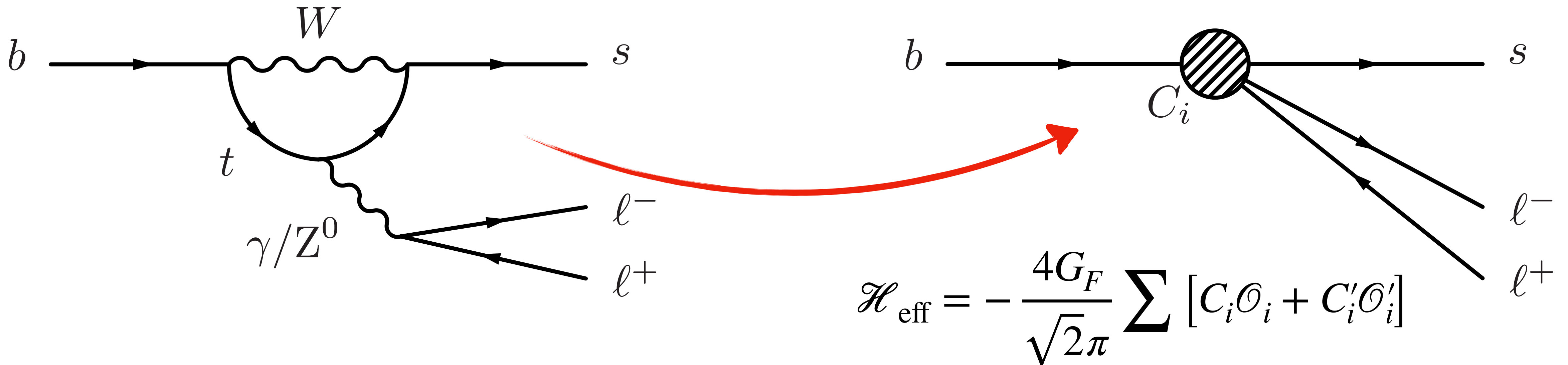
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# a minimal introduction ...

- FCNC process can occur only via quantum-loop transitions strong suppression due to CKM hierarchy  $\rightarrow \mathcal{B} \sim 10^{-6} - 10^{-10}$
- New Physics contribution can arise at the same level of or larger than SM



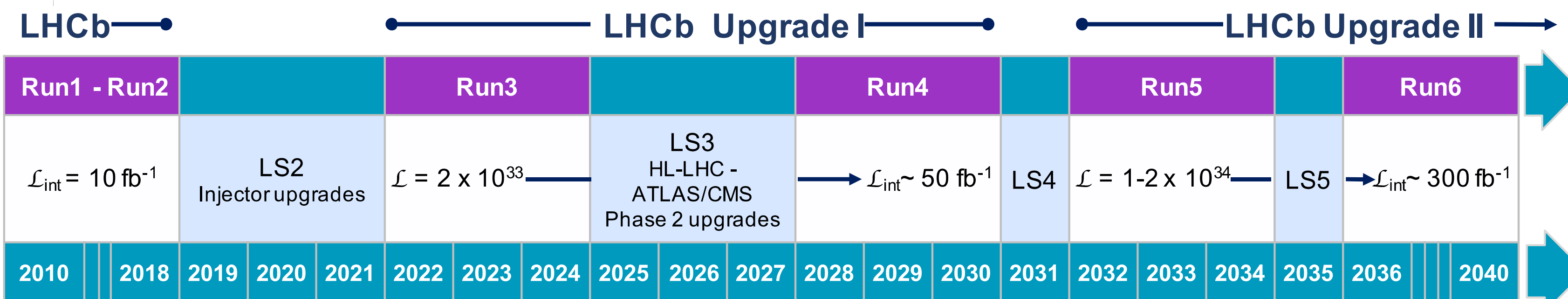
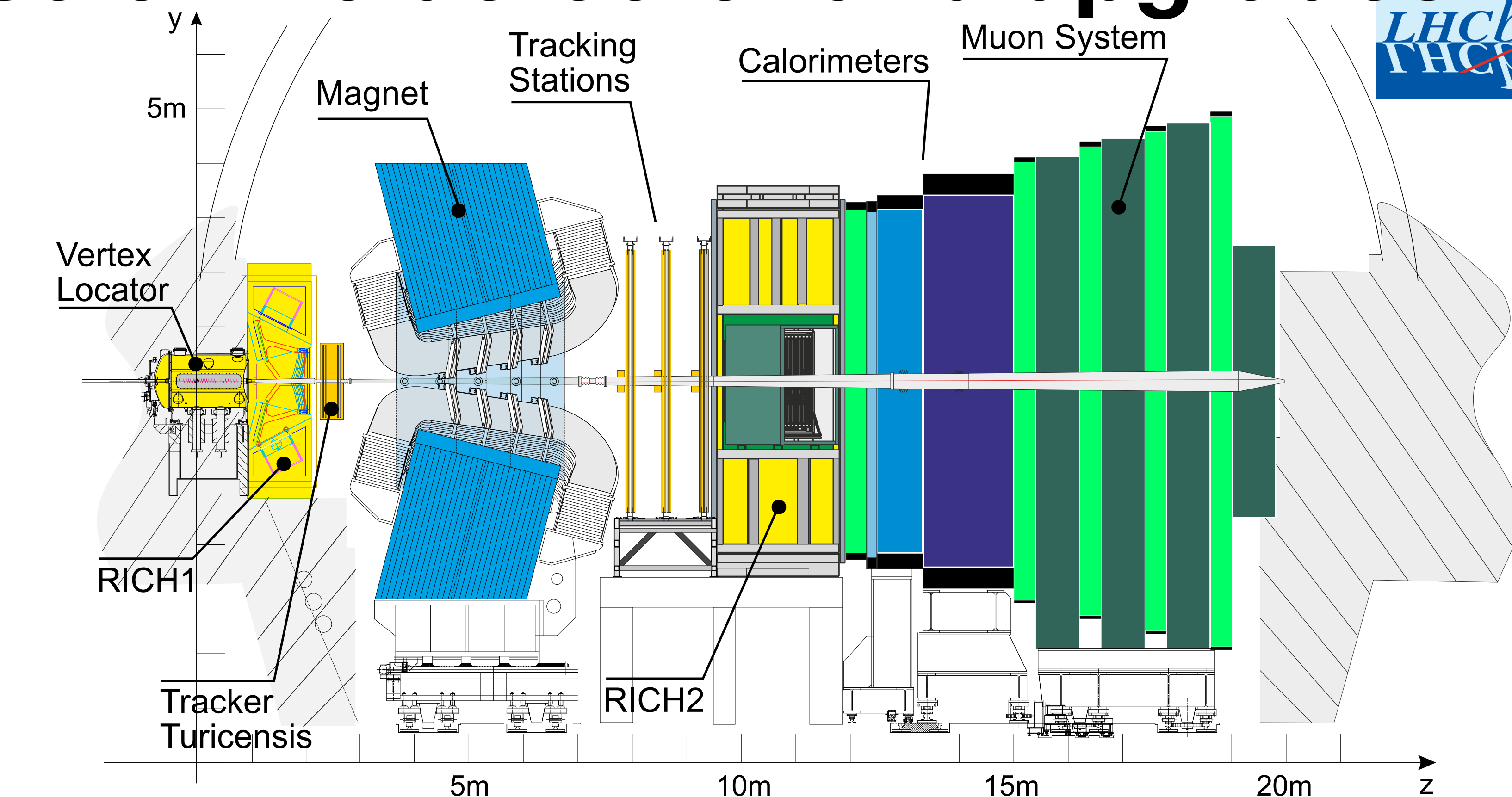
- Many results already presented on Monday (see slides [here](#))

# ... and a glimpse of the detector and upgrades

- Large  $pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}X$  cross section
- $b\bar{b}$  produced at low angle  $\rightarrow$  forward spectrometer
- b-hadrons produced with large boost  $\rightarrow$  excellent vertex resolution for background reduction

- Excellent muon identification ( $\epsilon_\mu = 98\%$ ) and low misID  $\epsilon_{h \rightarrow \mu} \sim 0.5\%$
- High trigger efficiency on B decays with muons ( $\epsilon_\mu \sim 90\%$ )
- Well suited for  $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$  analyses

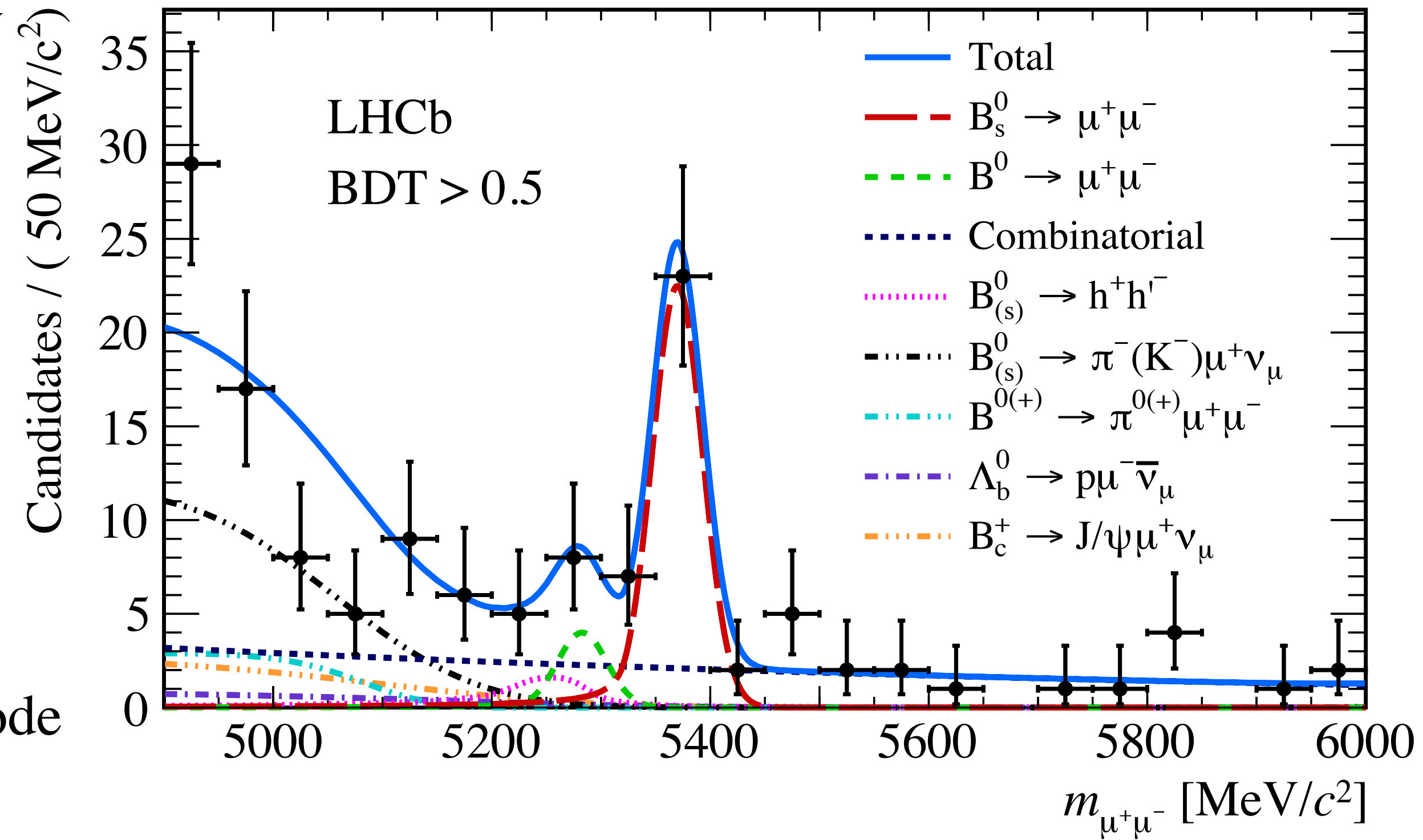
Preparing the detector for a bright future!



# Purely leptonic rare decays

LHCb PRL 118, 191801 (2017)

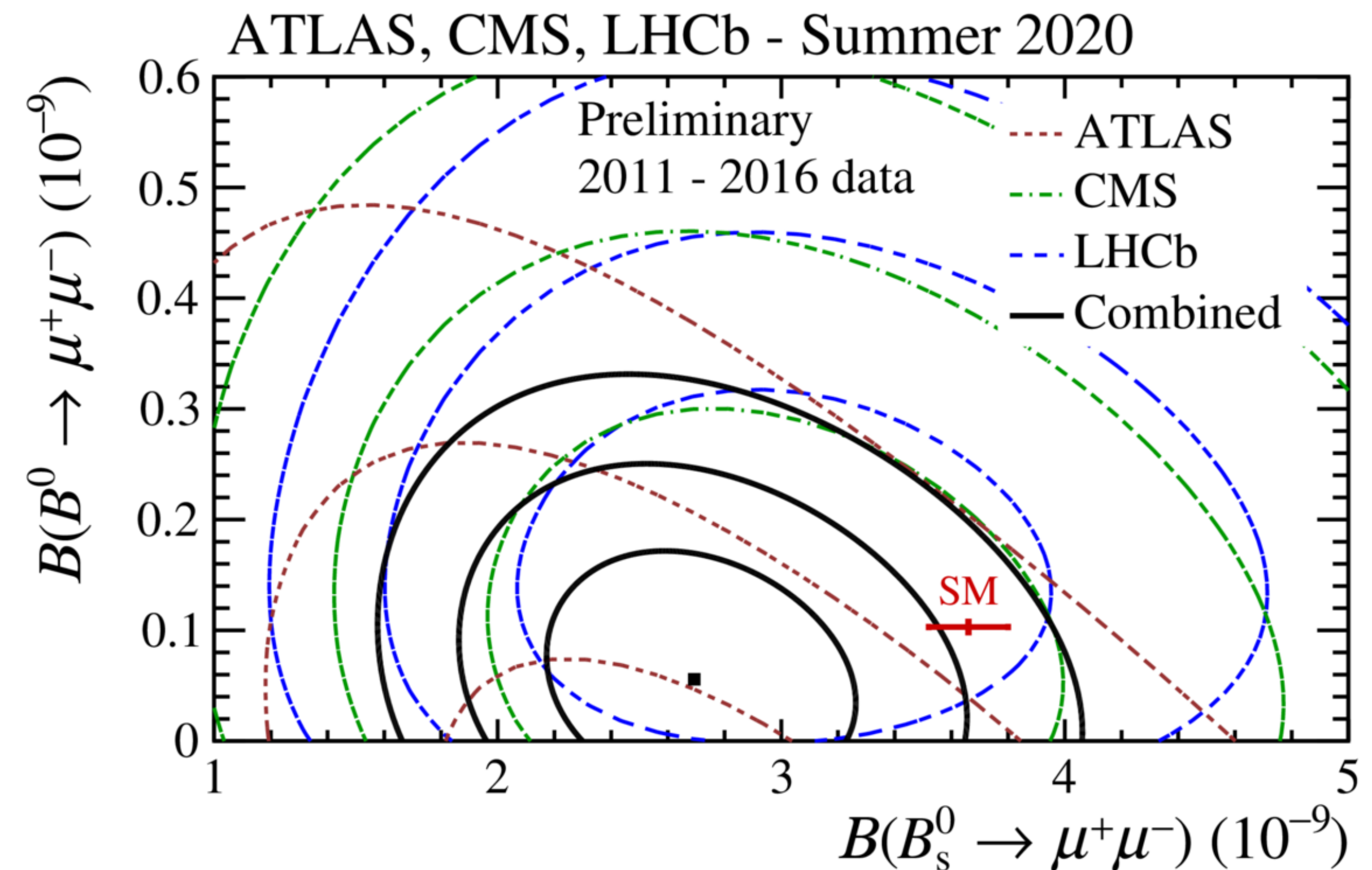
- Theoretically clean, additionally suppressed by helicity
  - $\mathcal{B}_{\text{SM}}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.66 \pm 0.14) \times 10^{-9}$
  - $\mathcal{B}_{\text{SM}}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (1.03 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-10}$
- LHCb results @ Run1+1.4fb<sup>-1</sup>:
  - $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.0 \pm 0.6^{+0.3}_{-0.2}) \times 10^{-9}$
  - $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) < 3.4 \times 10^{-10}$  @ 95 % CL
- Main systematics from  $f_s/f_d$  and BF of normalisation mode
- At 300fb<sup>-1</sup> (with conservative assumption on sys ~4%):
  - $\Delta \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu) \sim 0.16 \times 10^{-9}$
  - $\sigma(\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu)/\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu)) \sim 10 \%$





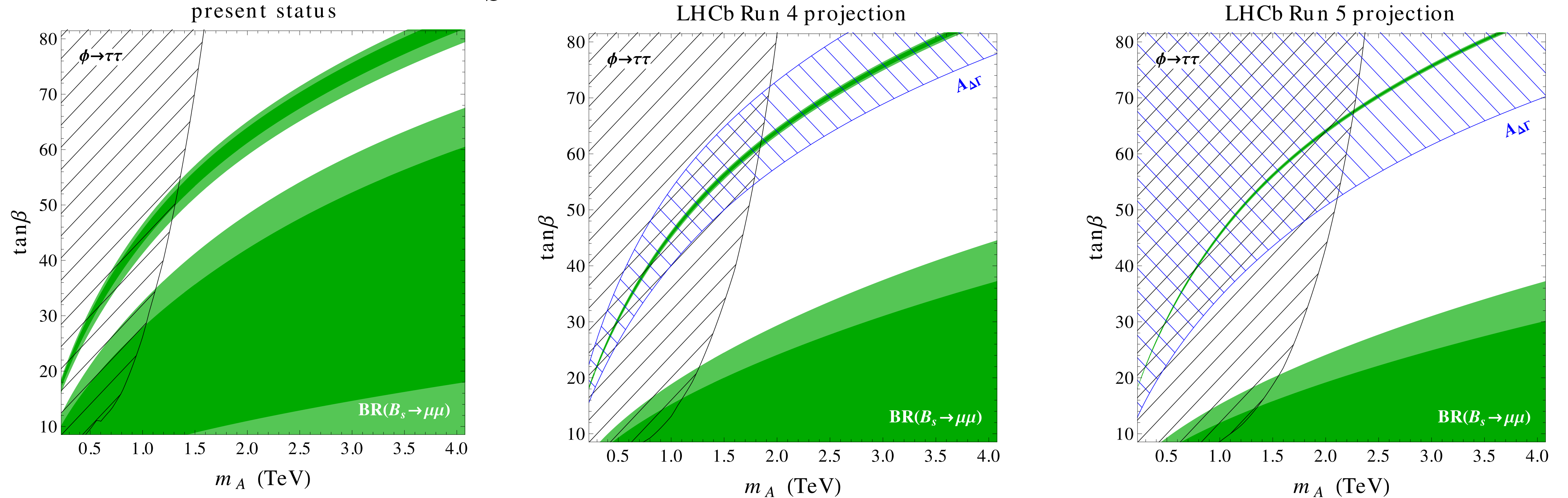
# LHC combination

- Combination of the measurements from ATLAS, CMS, and LHCb based on Run-1 and 2016 data samples:
  - $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (2.69^{+0.37}_{-0.35}) \times 10^{-9}$
  - $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) < 1.9 \times 10^{-10} @ 95 \% \text{ CL}$
- Compatibility with the SM in 2D:  
 $2.1\sigma$**



# Prospects for $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

Altmannshofer et al. [JHEP05\(2017\)076](#)



- In MSSM  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu) \propto \tan^6 \beta / m_A^4$
- With full Run1+Run2  $\sigma(\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu)) / \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu) \sim 14\%$  can be reached  $\rightarrow$  Together with ATLAS and CMS  $\sigma(\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu)) / \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu) \sim 7\%$ , which is the expected uncertainty at the end of Run4 for LHCb only
- Complementary to direct searches of  $\tau\tau$  resonances

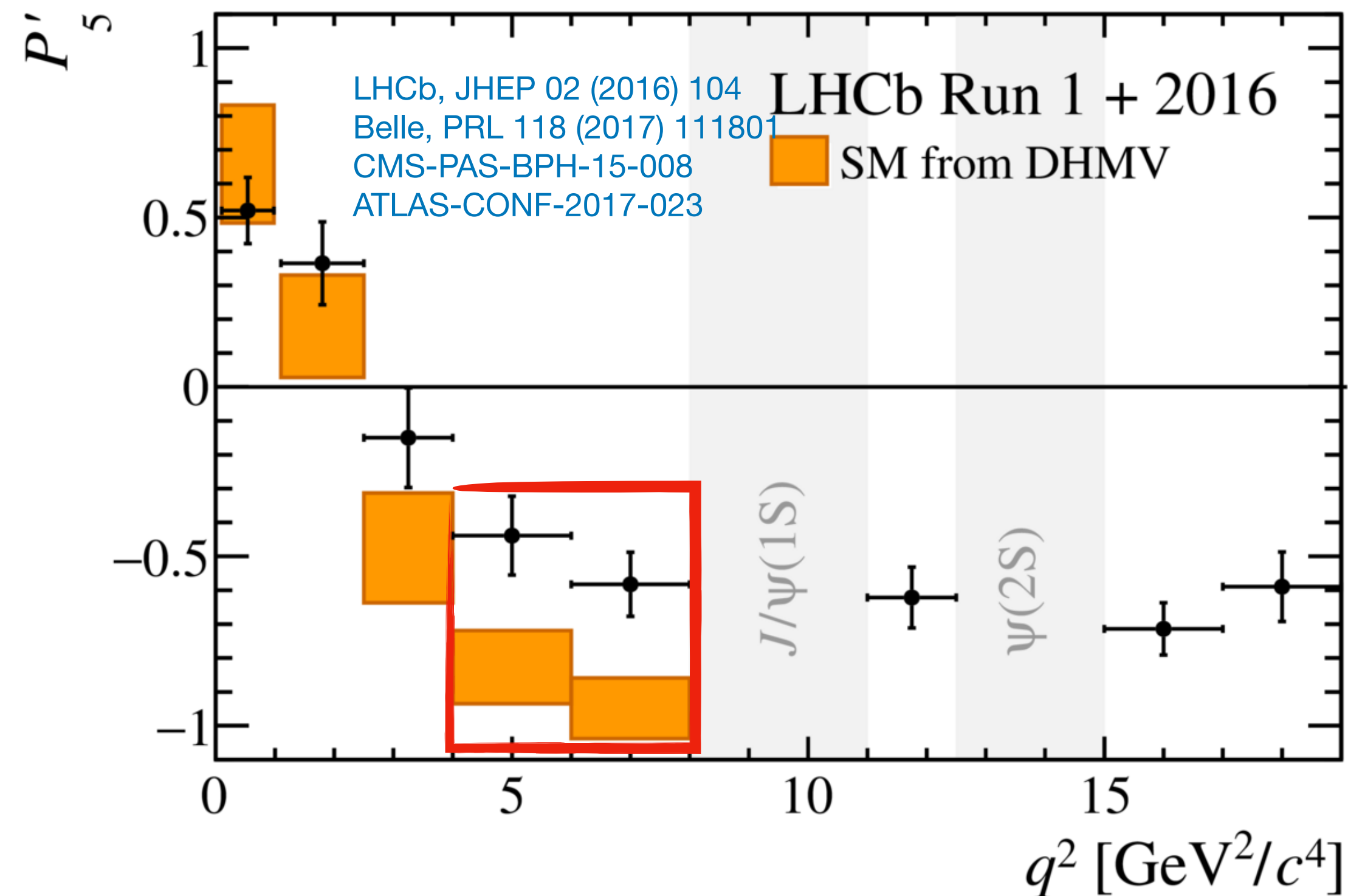
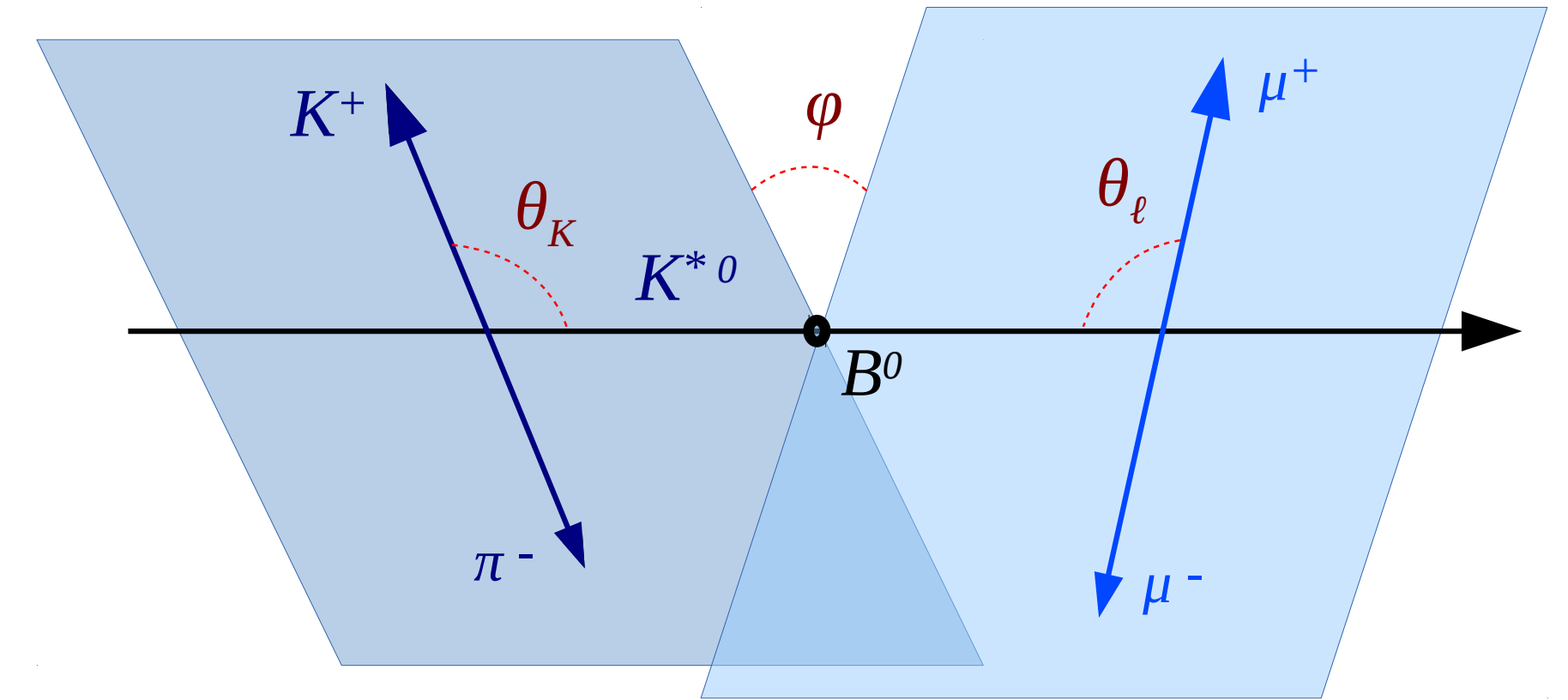


# Electroweak penguins: an example

$$\frac{1}{d(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})/dq^2} \frac{d^3(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})}{d\vec{\Omega}} = \frac{9}{32\pi} \left[ \frac{3}{4}(1 - F_L)\sin^2 \theta_K + F_L \cos^2 \theta_K \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{4}(1 - F_L)\sin^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_\ell \right. \\ \left. - F_L \cos^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_\ell + S_3 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \cos 2\phi \right. \\ \left. + S_4 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_\ell \cos \phi + S_5 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_\ell \cos \phi \right. \\ \left. + \frac{4}{3}A_{FB} \sin^2 \theta_K \cos \theta_\ell + S_7 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_\ell \sin \phi \right. \\ \left. + S_8 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_\ell \sin \phi + S_9 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \sin 2\phi \right]$$

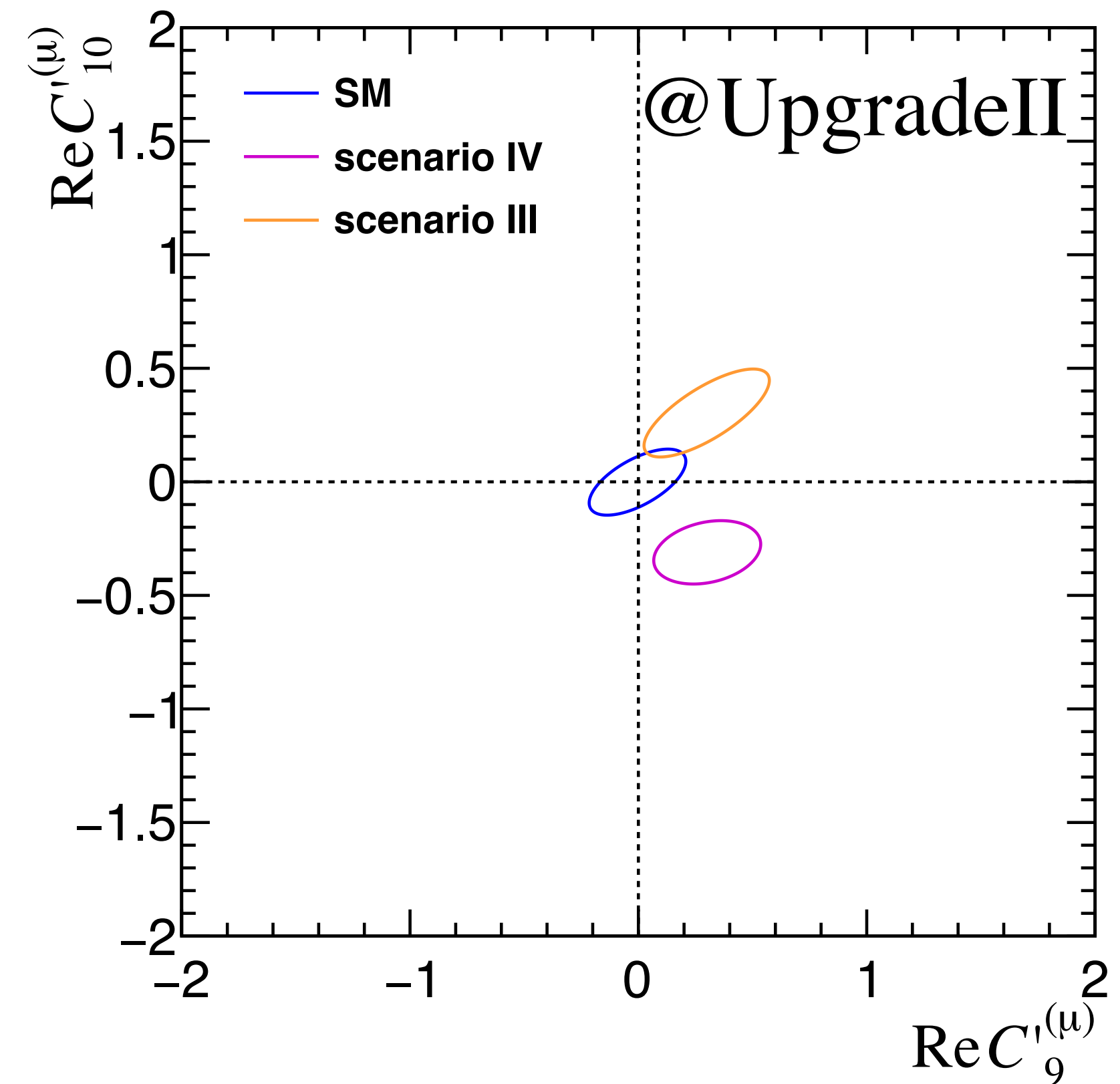
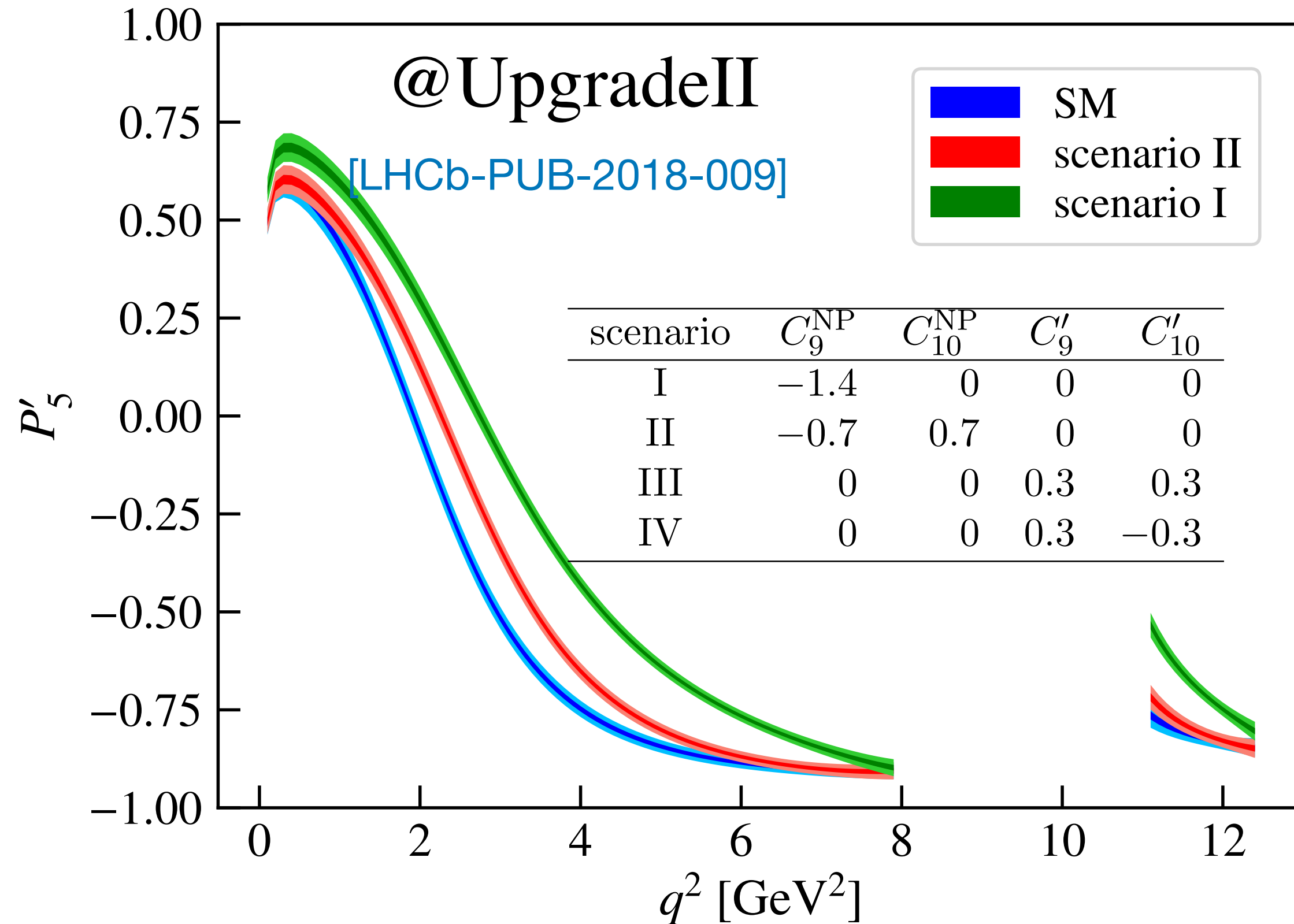
- $F_L, A_{FB}, S_i$  depend on  $C_7, C_9$  and  $C_{10}$  and FF  $\rightarrow$  large uncertainty at leading order
- Re-parametrisation of the angular coefficients with reduced dependency on FF

$$P'_5 = \frac{S_5}{\sqrt{F_L(1 - F_L)}}$$



# $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu \mu$ angular analysis prospects

- For  $C_9, C_{10}$  form factor uncertainties cause saturation at  $\sim 30 \text{ fb}^{-1} \rightarrow$  Will need theory to improve

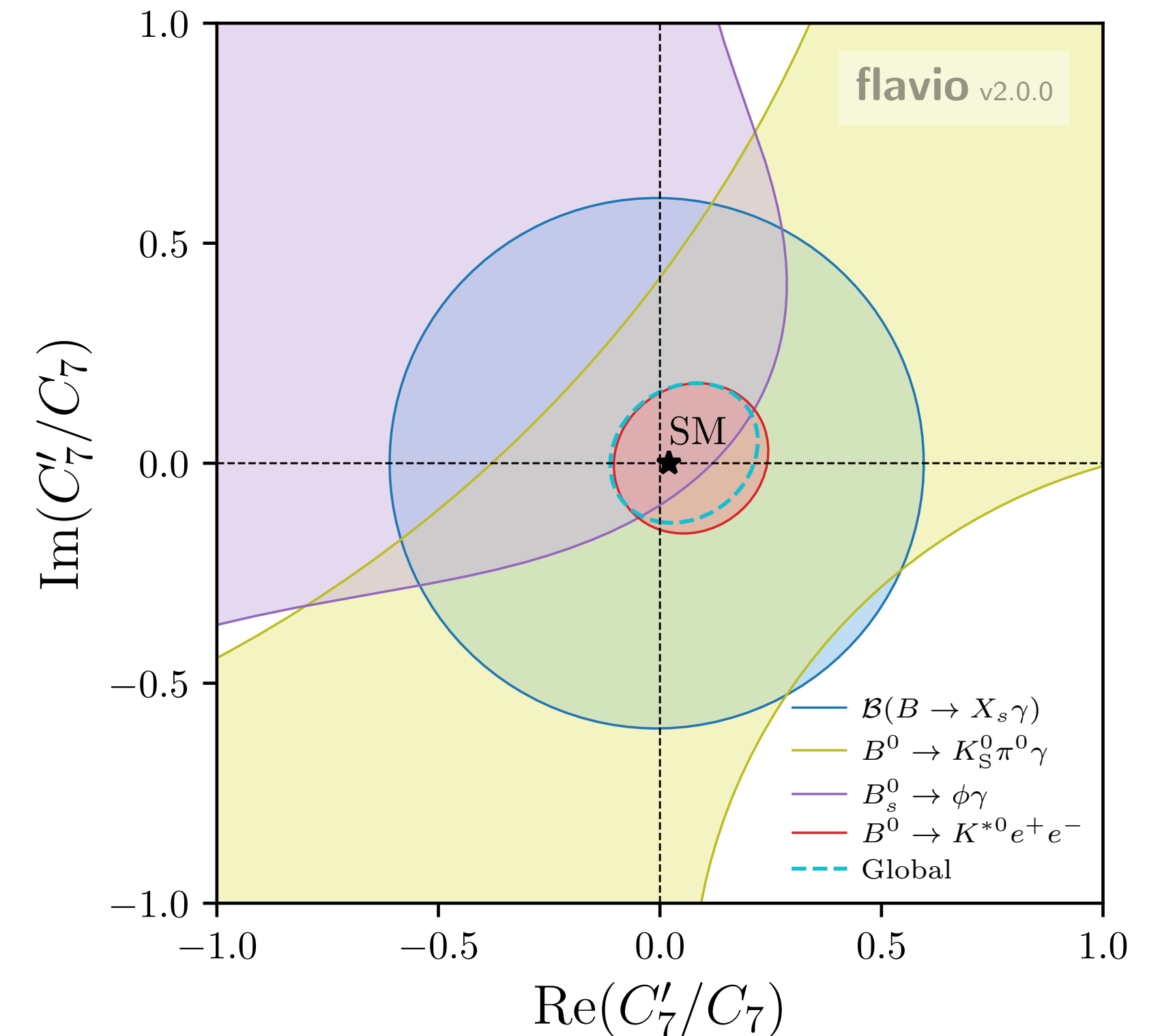
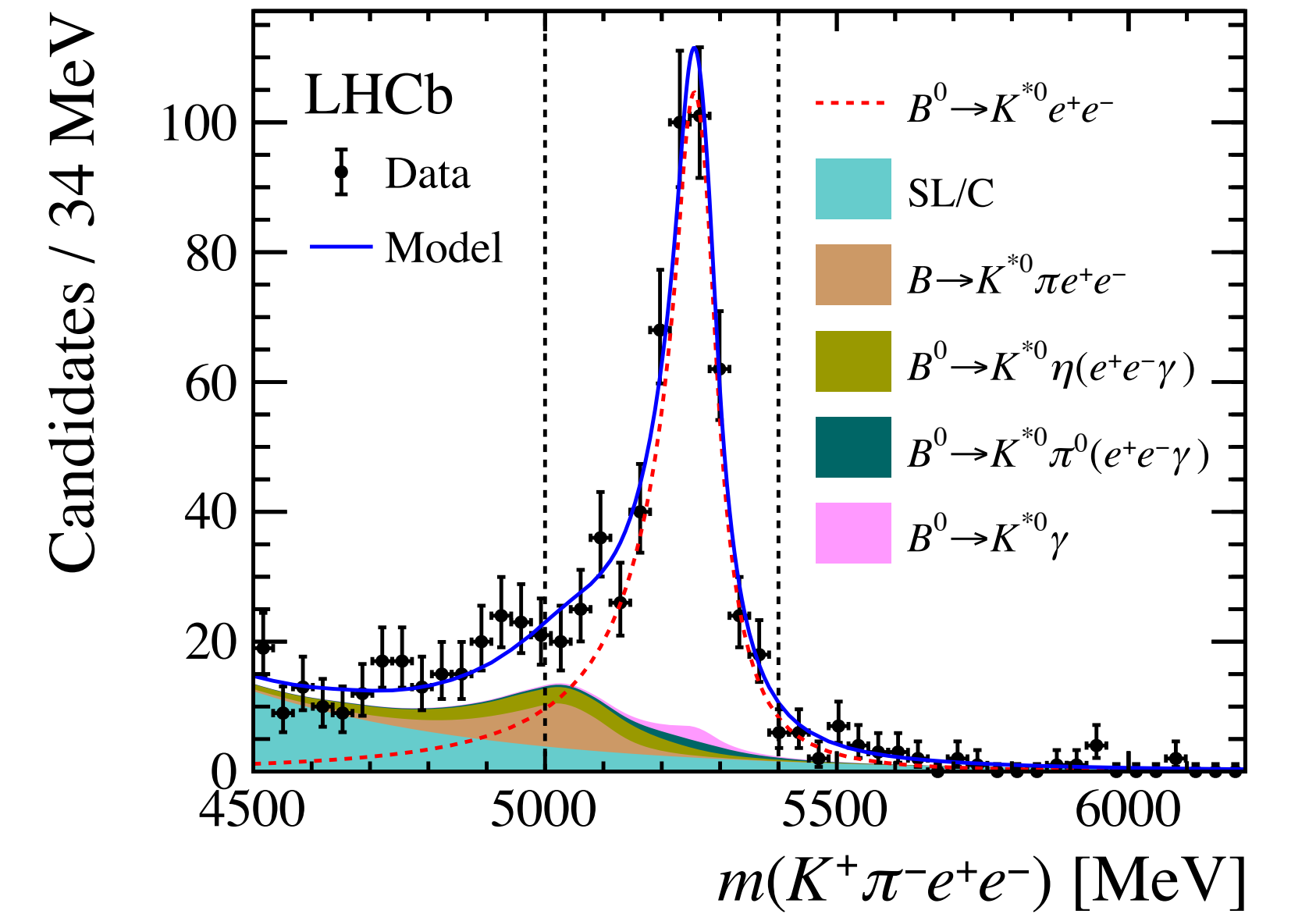


- Large data set @Upgrade II, ( $\sim 440\,000$  fully reconstructed  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$  decays), it will make possible a precise determination of the angular observables in narrow bins of  $q^2$  or using a  $q^2$ -unbinned approach



# Probing C7

- $b \rightarrow s\gamma$  transition rates proportional to  $C_7$
- photon polarisation mainly LH
- BF's, CP asymmetries and photon polarisation precision improves with  $300\text{fb}^{-1}$
- Access also to  $b \rightarrow d\gamma$  with larger CP asymmetry expected
- Alternative way to measure photon polarisation is to use  $b \rightarrow se^+e^-$  decays at very low  $q^2$  ( $B \rightarrow K^*e^+e^-$ )



# Summary

FCNC processes are powerful tools to probe for NP and current anomalies in  $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$  processes are suggesting possible effects.

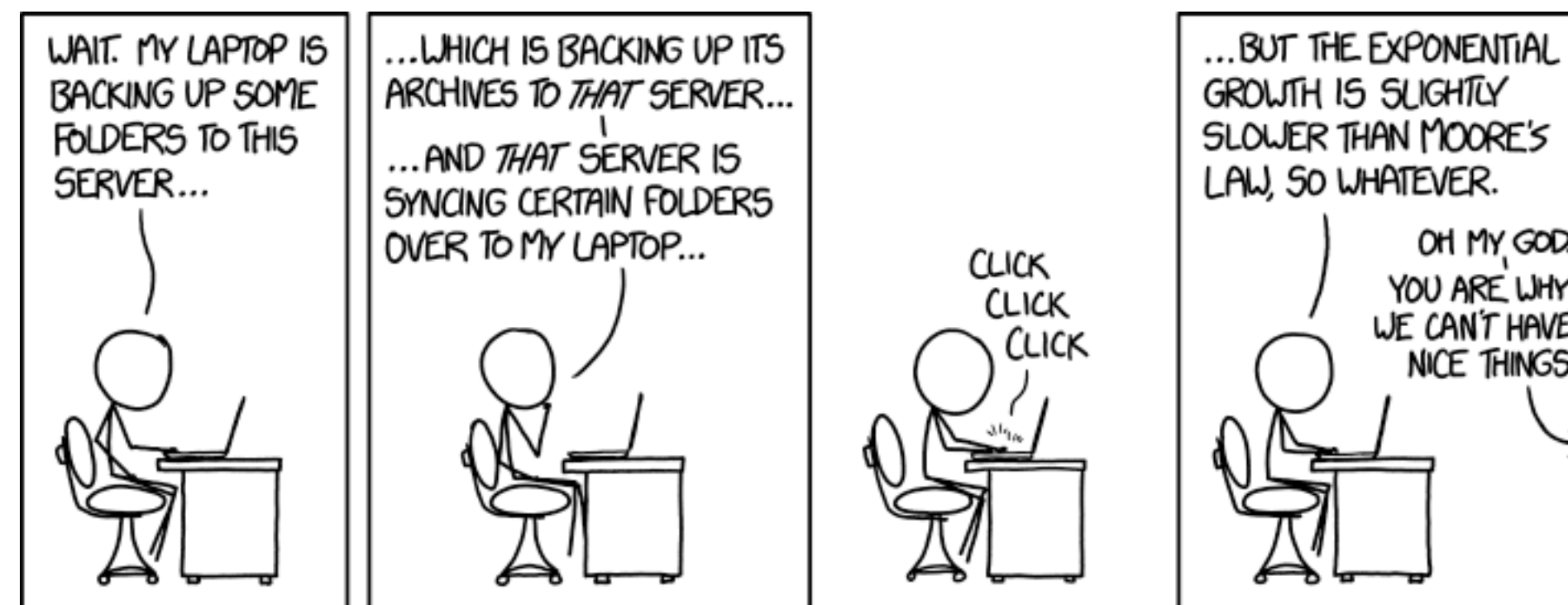
Update of the current analysis can possibly show an evidence of NP already with full Run2 data.

(Not shown today) LFV searches can strongly constraints the parameters space of several BSM models.

Future upgrades will provide the statistical power to discriminate between NP models, and provide access to additional observables.



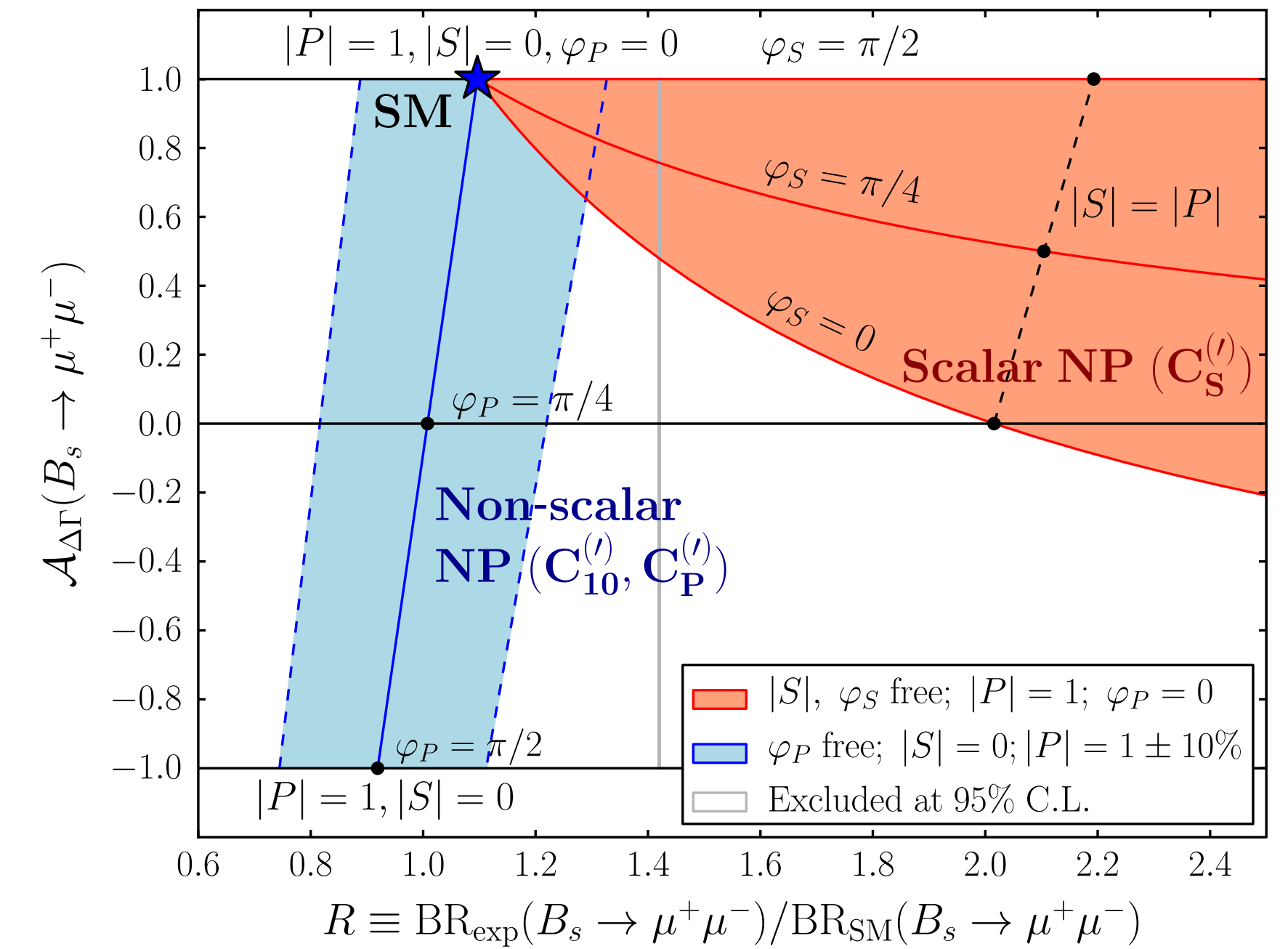
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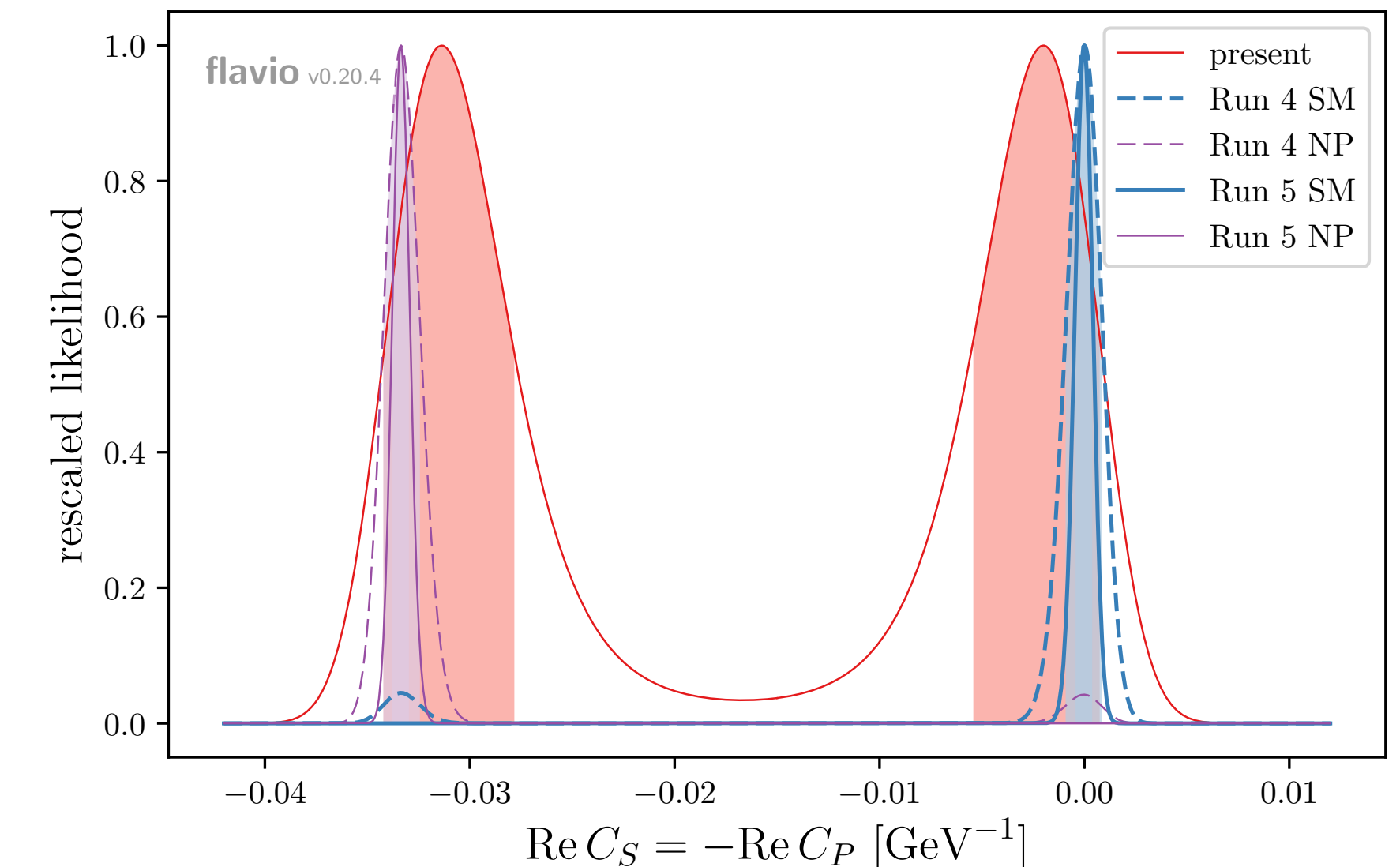
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- Both sensitive to (pseudo-)scalar contribution, (CP)CS
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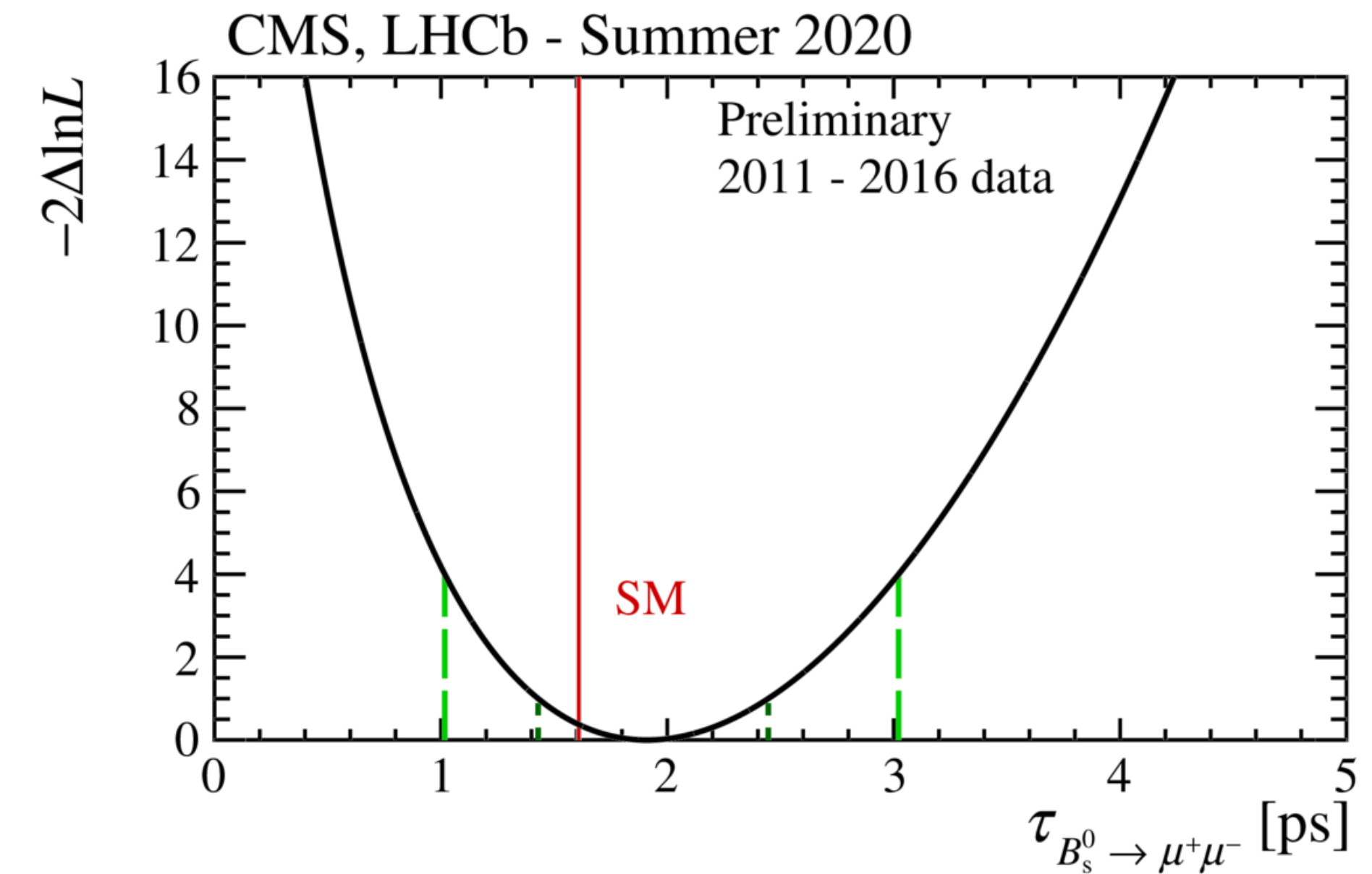
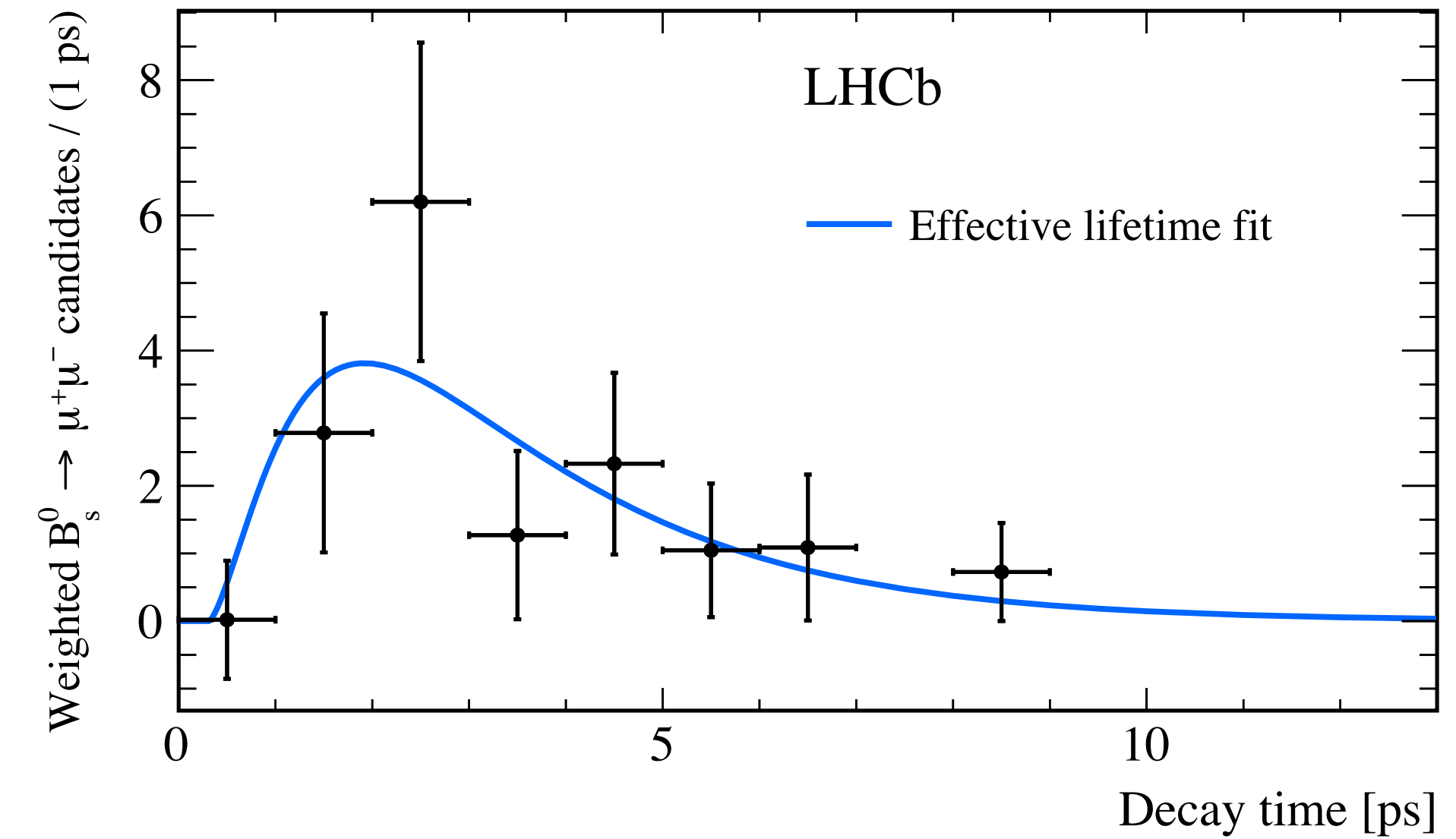
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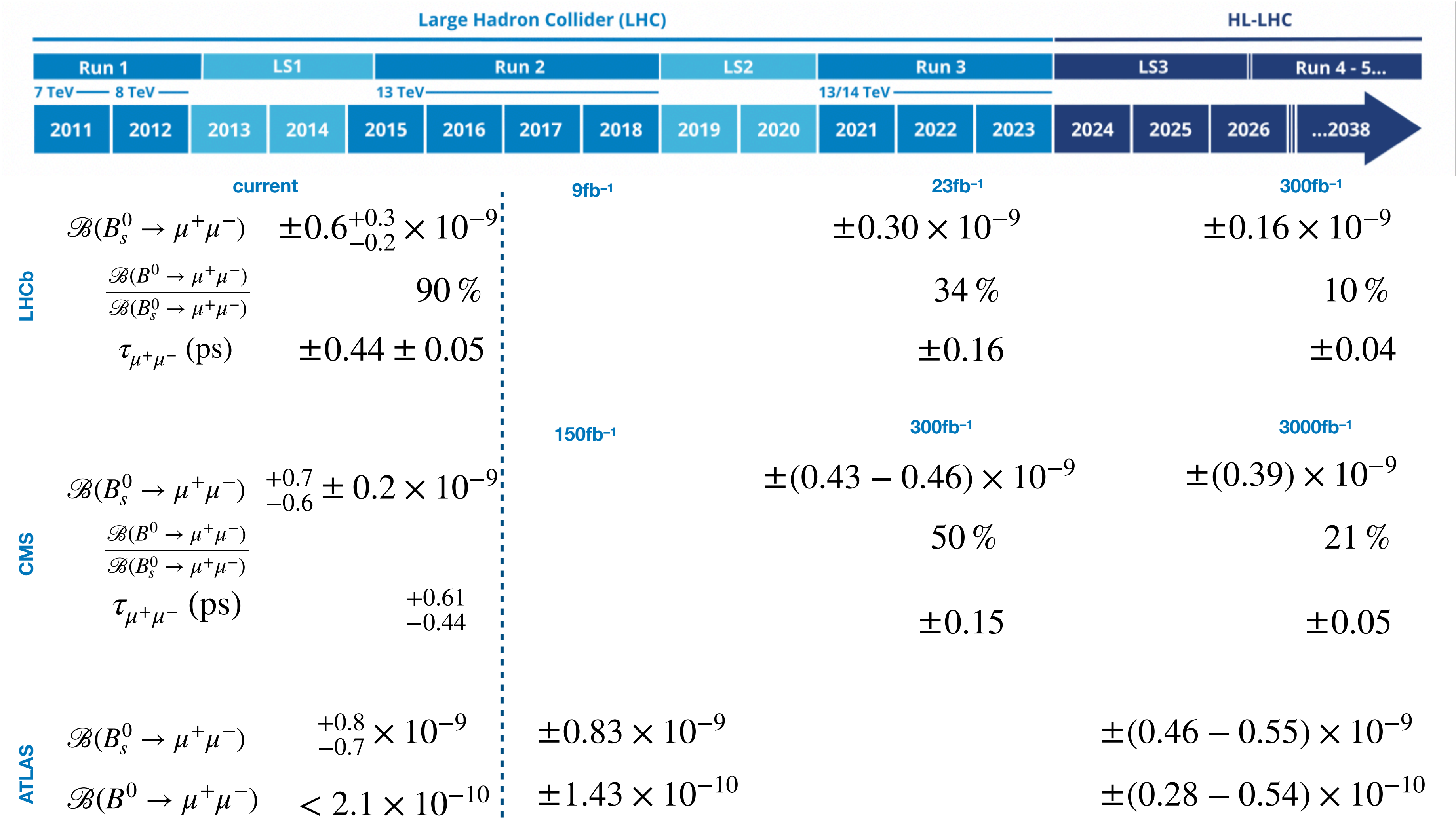


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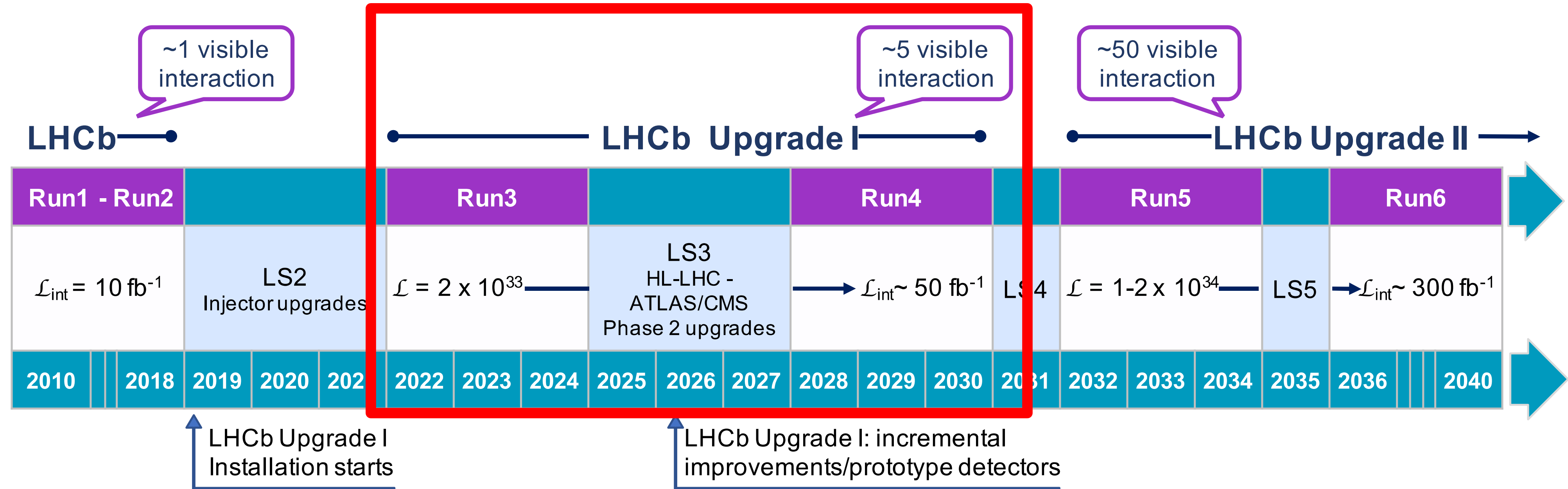


# $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ projections



[LHCB-PUB-2018-009] [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2018-005] [CMS PAS FTR-14-013/-015]

# Upgrade and plans



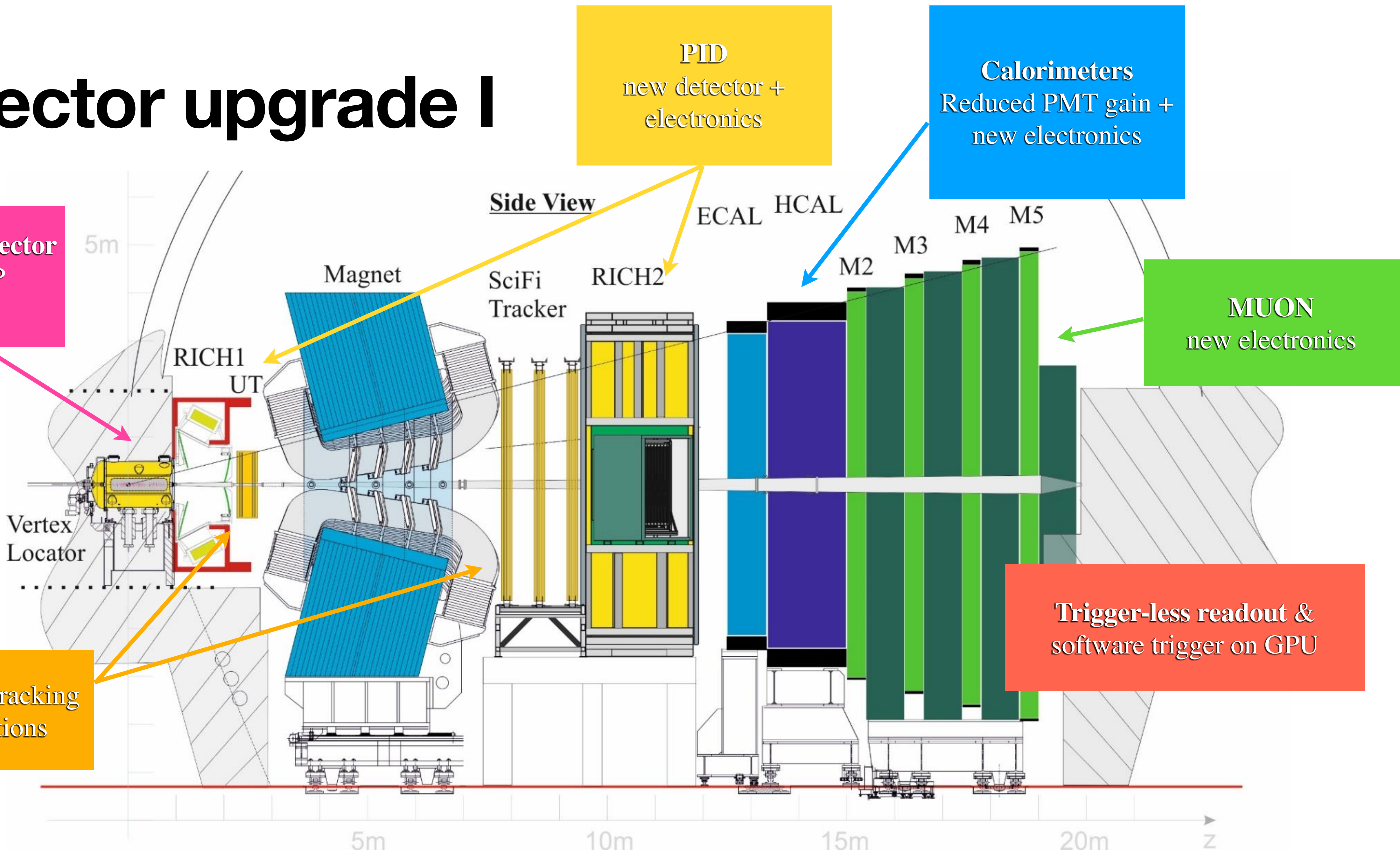
- Preparing the upgrade for Run3 and Run4 during LS2
  - Full software trigger and new readout system, all detector at 40MHz (32 Tbps throughput)
  - Replace tracking detectors + PID + VELO,  $\mathcal{L} = 2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
  - Consolidate PID, tracking and ECAL during LS3
- Phase-II upgrade during LS4:
  - New detector technologies,  $\mathcal{L} = 1.5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$



# Detector upgrade I

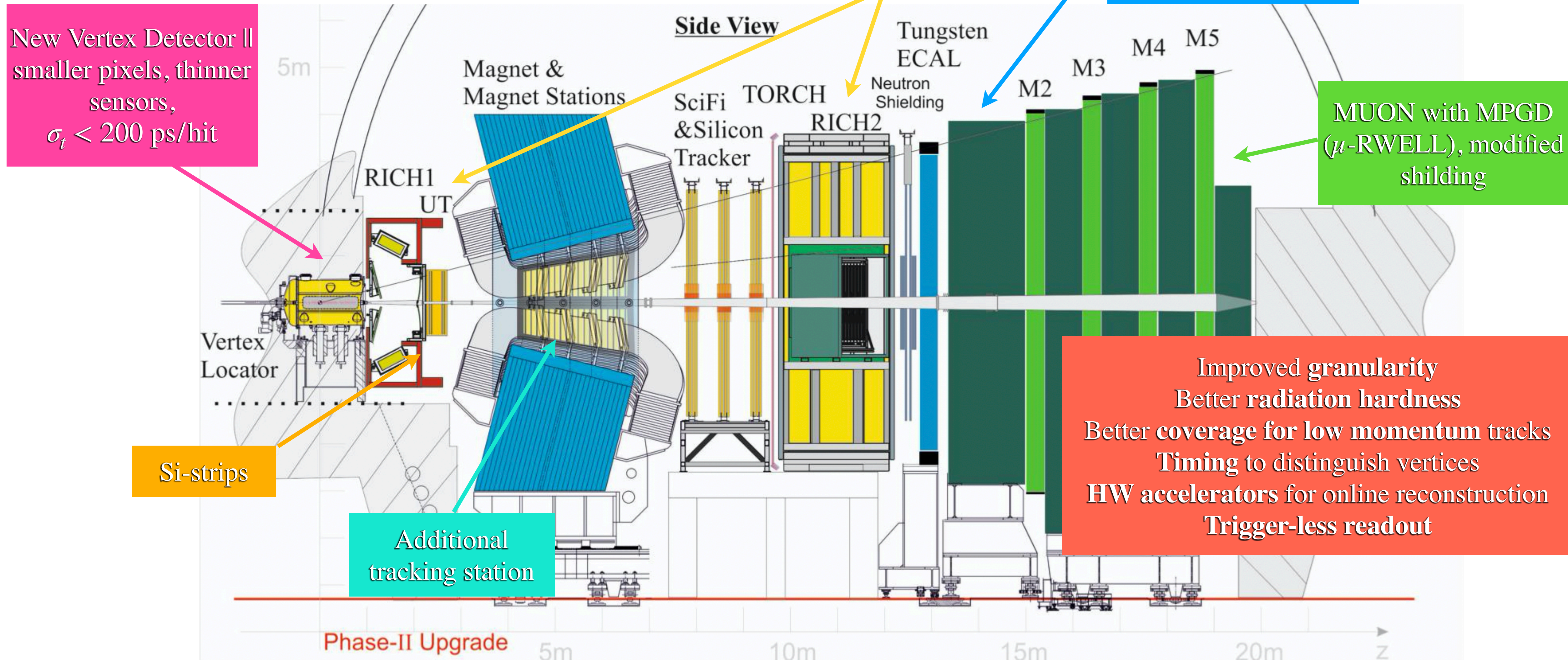
New Vertex Detector  
improved IP  
resolution

New tracking  
stations





# Detector upgrade II

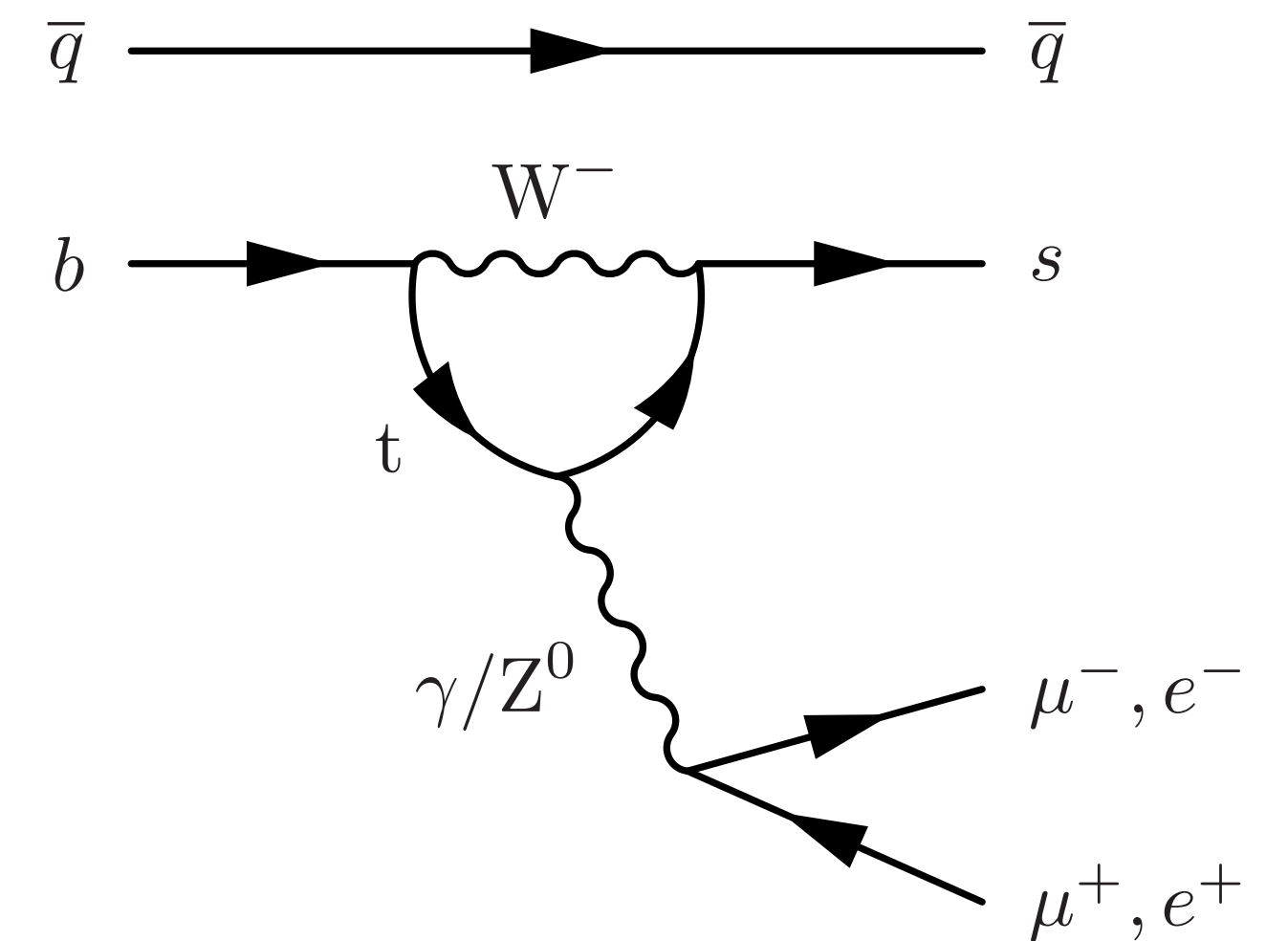




# Lepton Flavour Universality tests

- $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$  processes excellent probe to test for LUV effects
- $R_{K^{(*)}}$  is close to unity in SM, with very small uncertainties
- Extremely clean test:
  - cancellation of hadronic form-factors uncertainties in predictions
  - Possible deviation from QED corrections  $\sim 1\%$  below  $c\bar{c}$  resonance [Bordone, Isidori, Pattori EPJC\(2016\)76:440](#)
- Electrons are very challenging @LHCb!

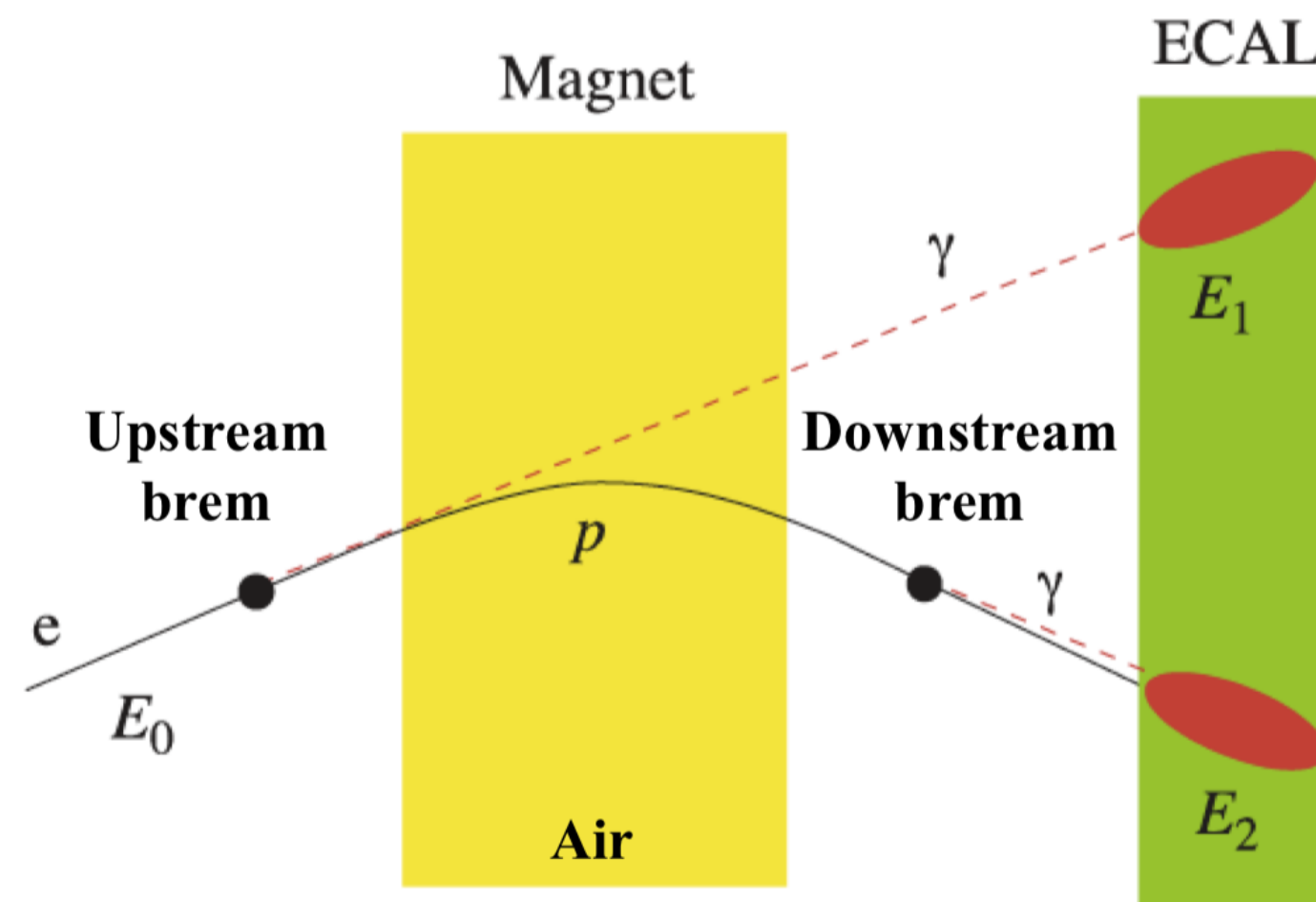
$$R_H = \frac{\int_{q_{\min}^2}^{q_{\max}^2} \frac{d\Gamma[B \rightarrow H \mu^+ \mu^-]}{dq^2} dq^2}{\int_{q_{\min}^2}^{q_{\max}^2} \frac{d\Gamma[B \rightarrow H e^+ e^-]}{dq^2} dq^2}$$



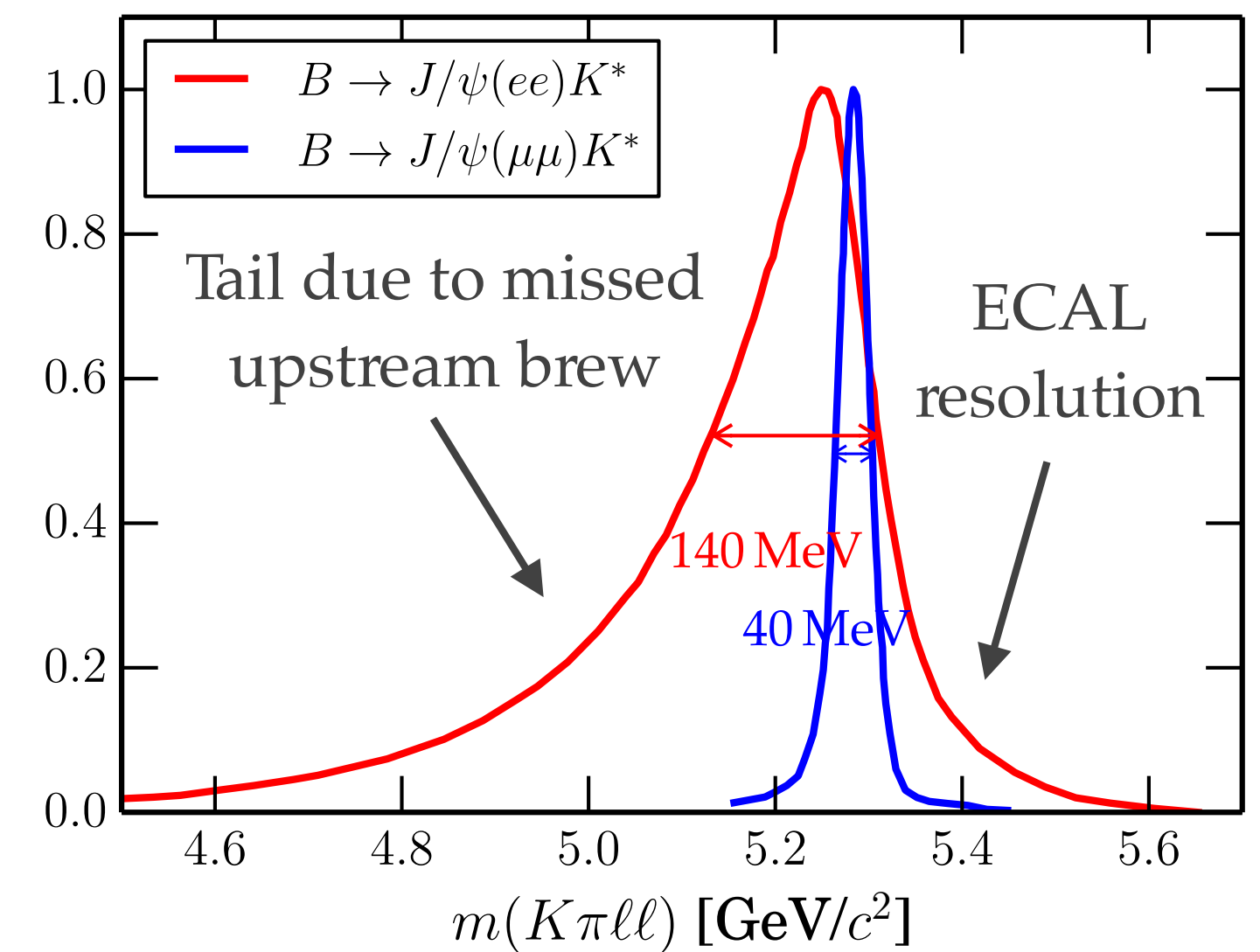
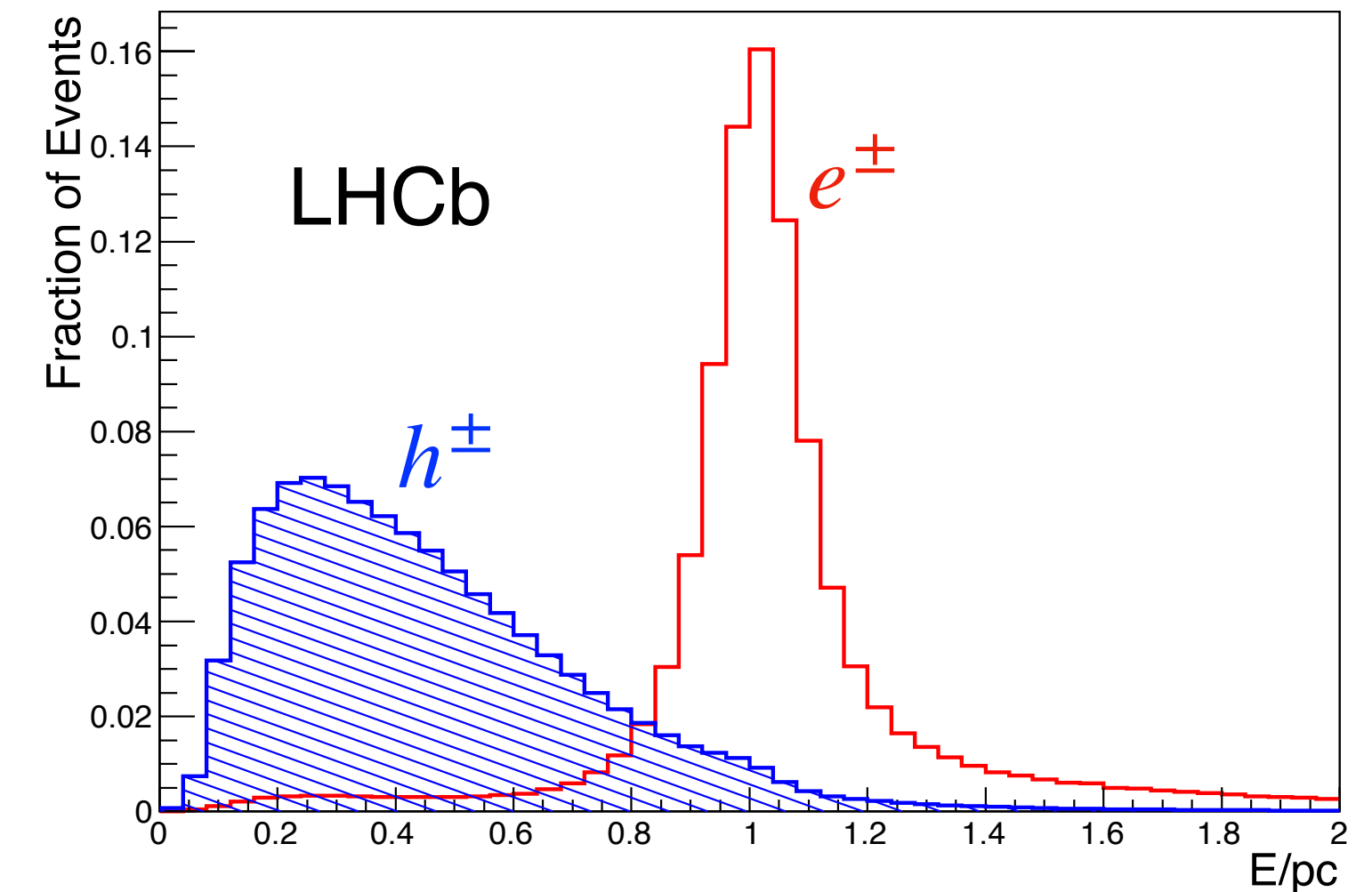


# Electrons

- Triggered on large energy deposit on calorimeter
- Electron ID based on calorimetric information
- Selection is a factor  $\sim 3$  less efficient than muons
- Boosted  $b$ -hadrons from LHC collision: most electron emit hard bremsstrahlung photon
  - momentum resolution heavily affected.



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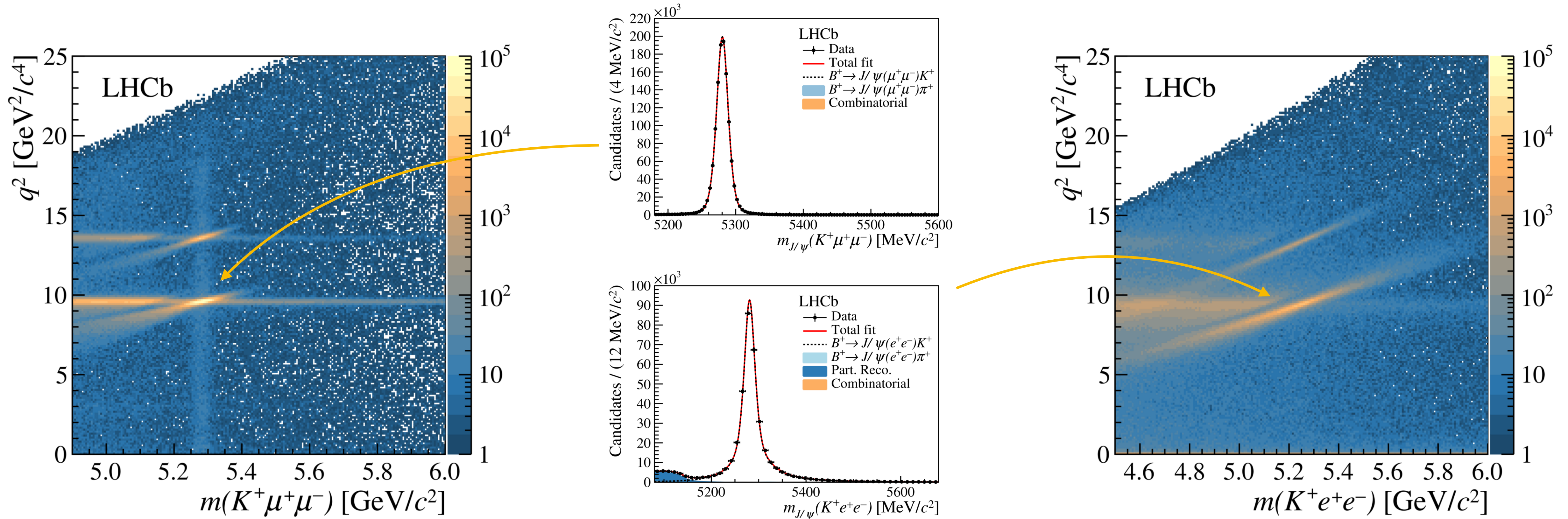


# $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \ell^+ \ell^-$ LFU tests

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- Use of double ratio to further reduce systematics:

$$R_K = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi (\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) K^+)} \bigg/ \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi (\rightarrow e^+ e^-) K^+)}$$



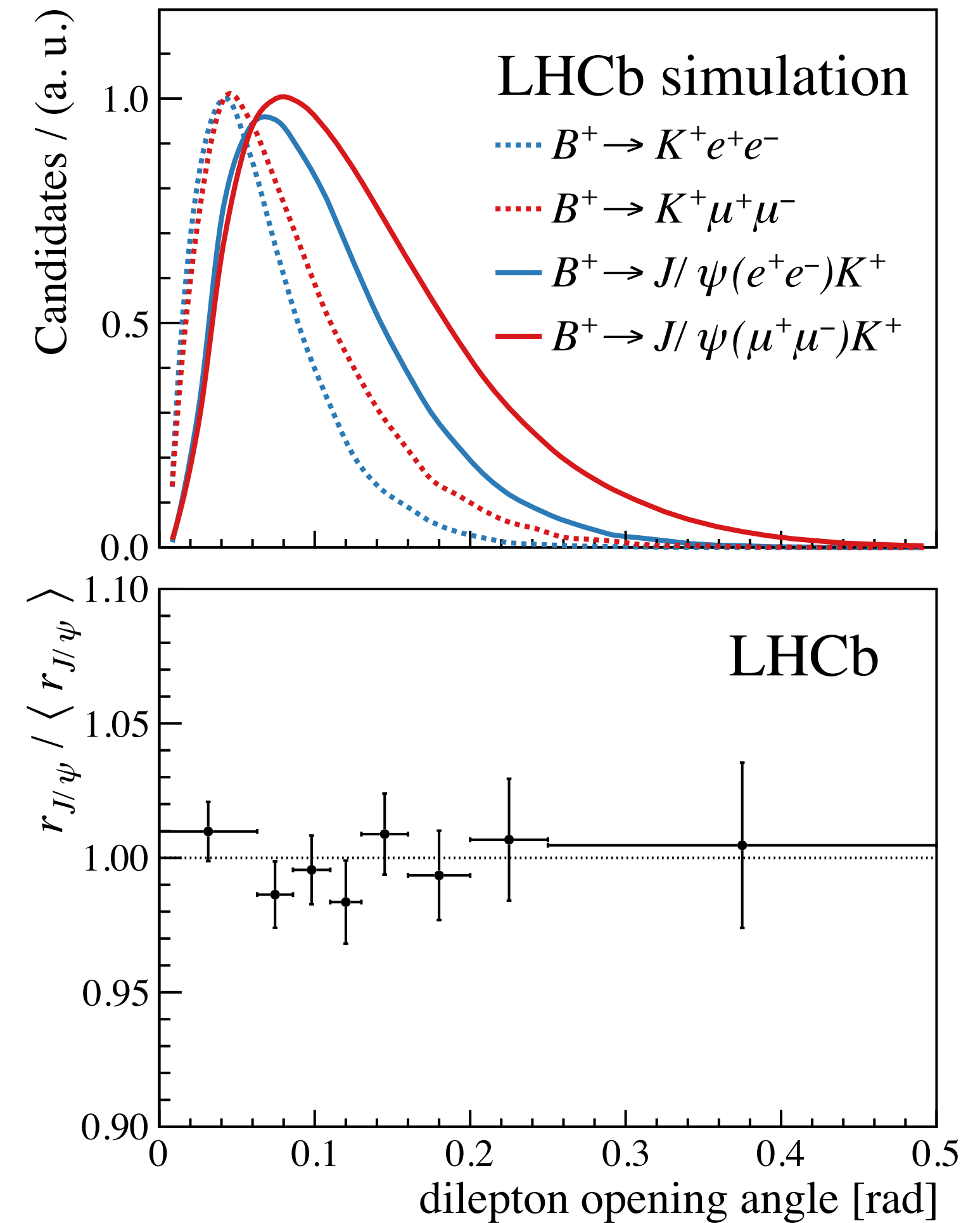
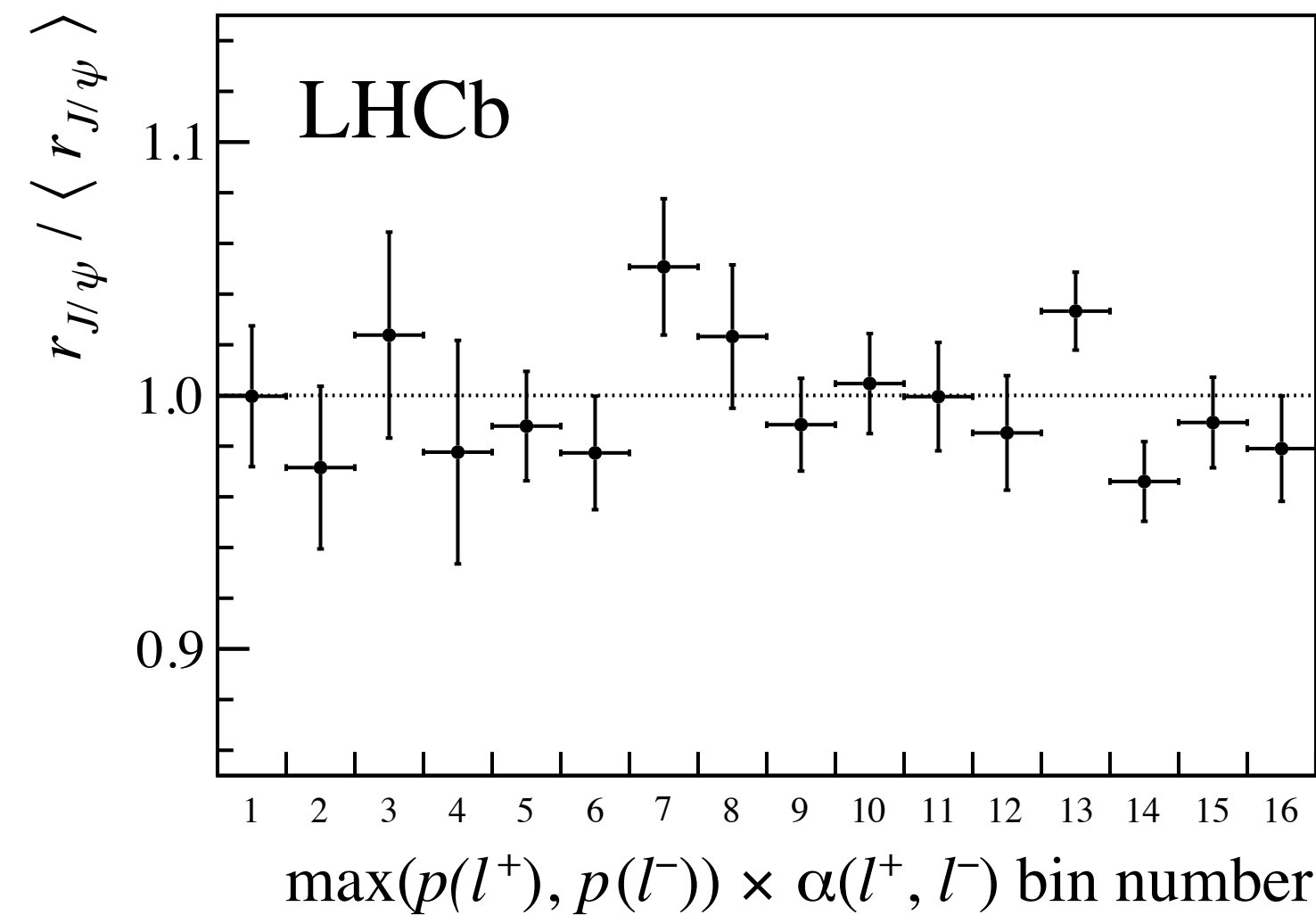
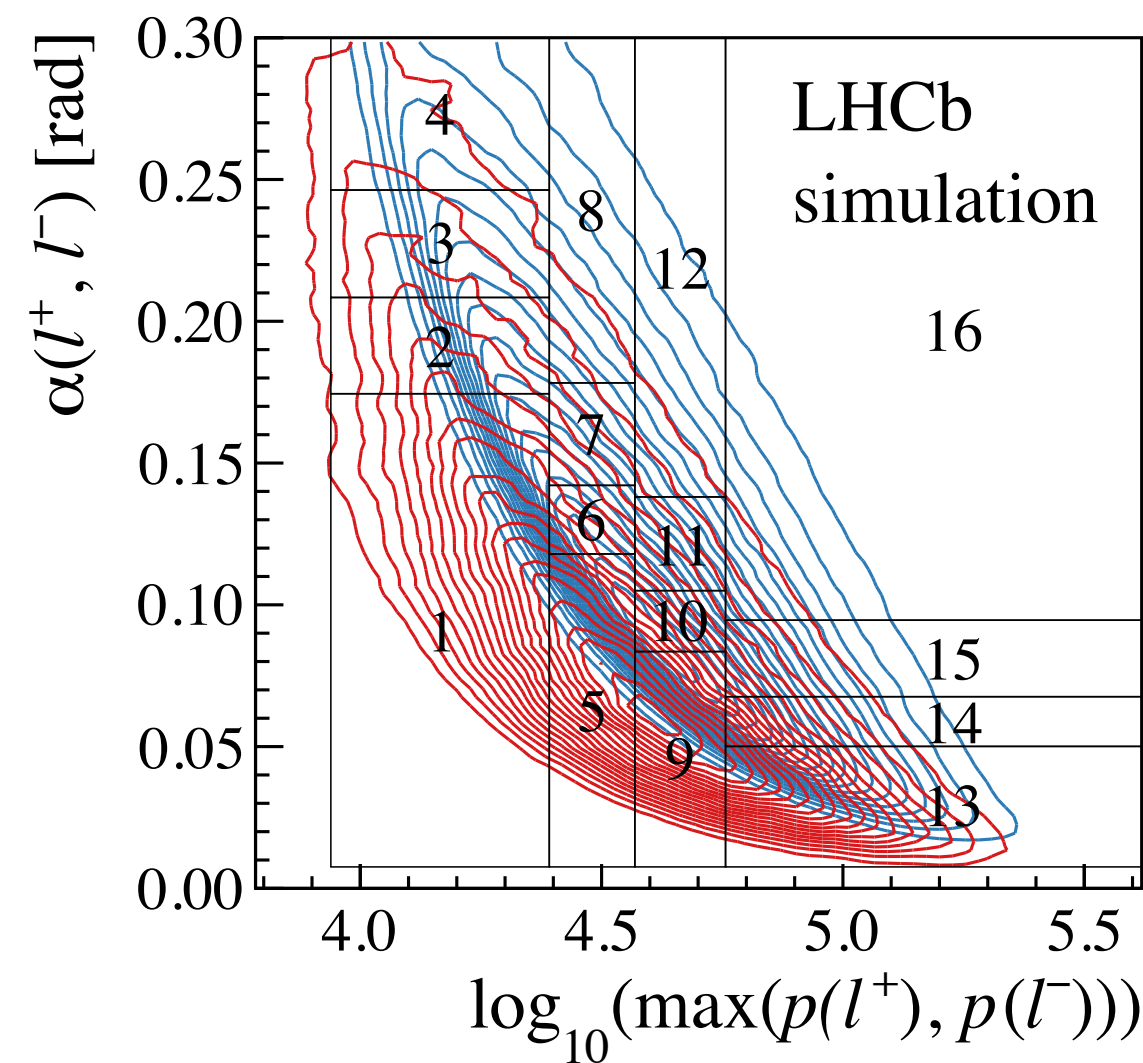


# $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \ell^+ \ell^-$ crosschecks

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- Crosschecks universality in  $c\bar{c}$  resonances in all kinematic regions

$$r_{J/\psi} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) K^+)}{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+ e^-) K^+)} = 1$$



- Can also test that  $R_K$  measured at the  $\psi(2S)$  is 1

$$R_{\psi(2S)} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \psi(2S)(\mu^+ \mu^-))}{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-))} \bigg/ \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \psi(2S)(e^+ e^-))}{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi(e^+ e^-))} = 0.986 \pm 0.013 \text{ (stat + syst)}$$



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- Measurement with 2011-2016 ( $\sim 5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 7, 8$  and 13 TeV) in central  $q^2$  bin  $[1-6] \text{ GeV}^2$

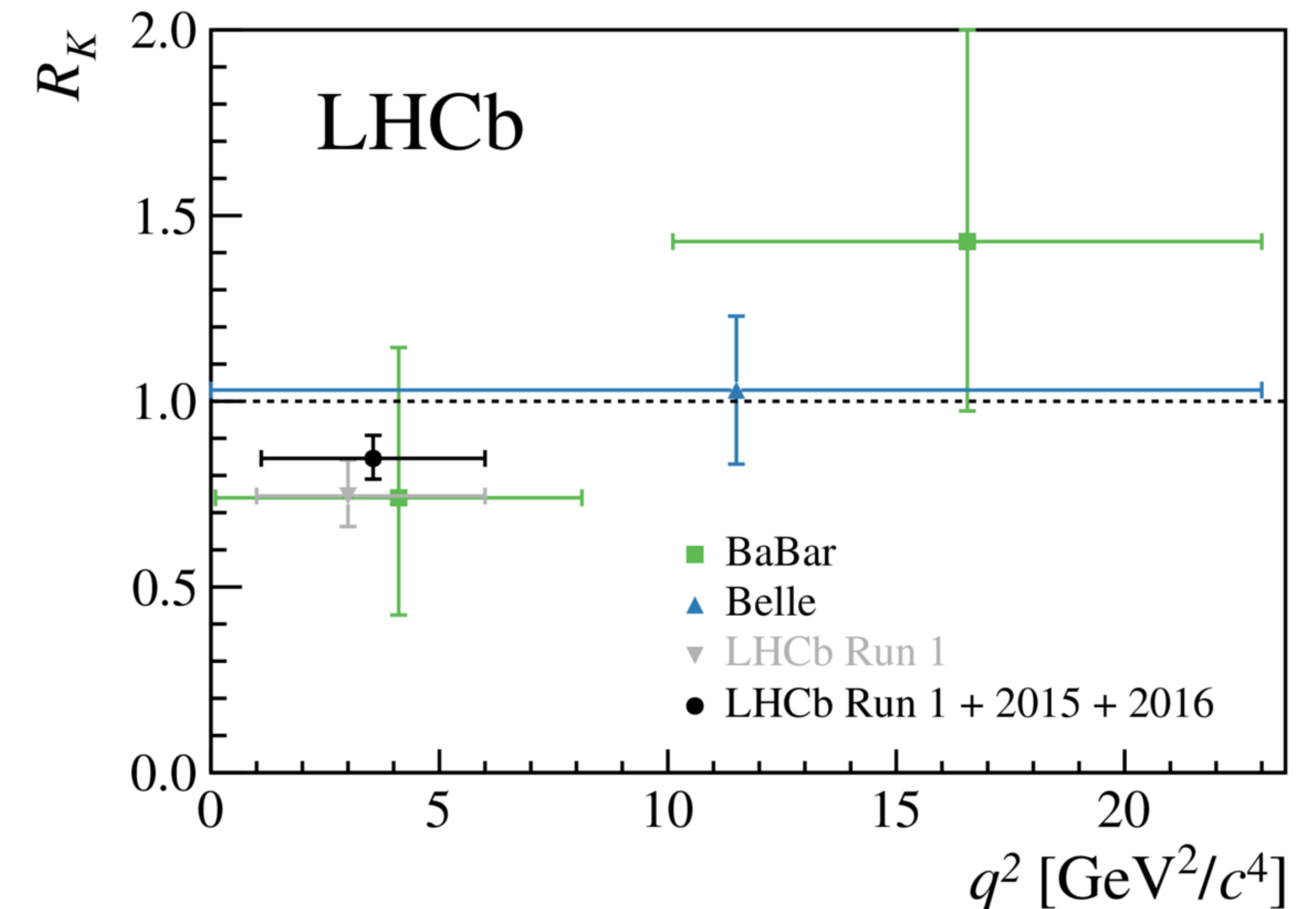
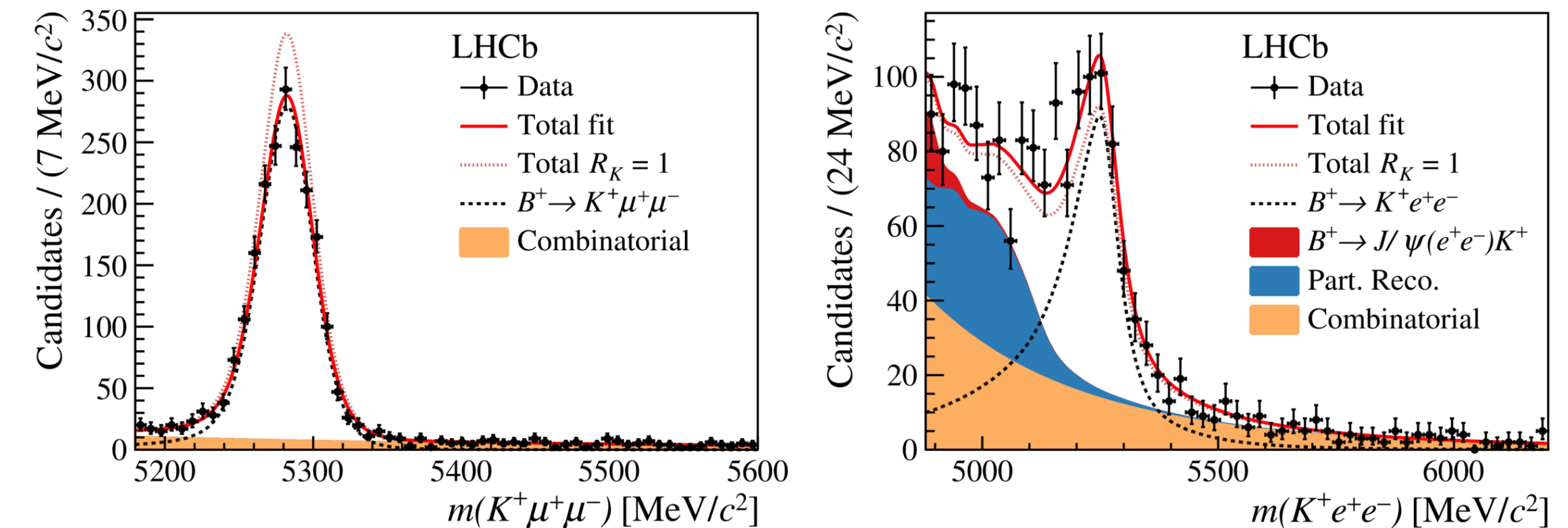
►  $R_K = 0.846^{+0.060+0.016}_{-0.054-0.014}$

- Yield of  $\sim 766 B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-$  events vs  $\sim 1943 B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$  driving the total uncertainty:

- 7% statistical error vs 2% systematic

- $R_K$  is found to be **lower than 1 by  $\sim 15\%$**

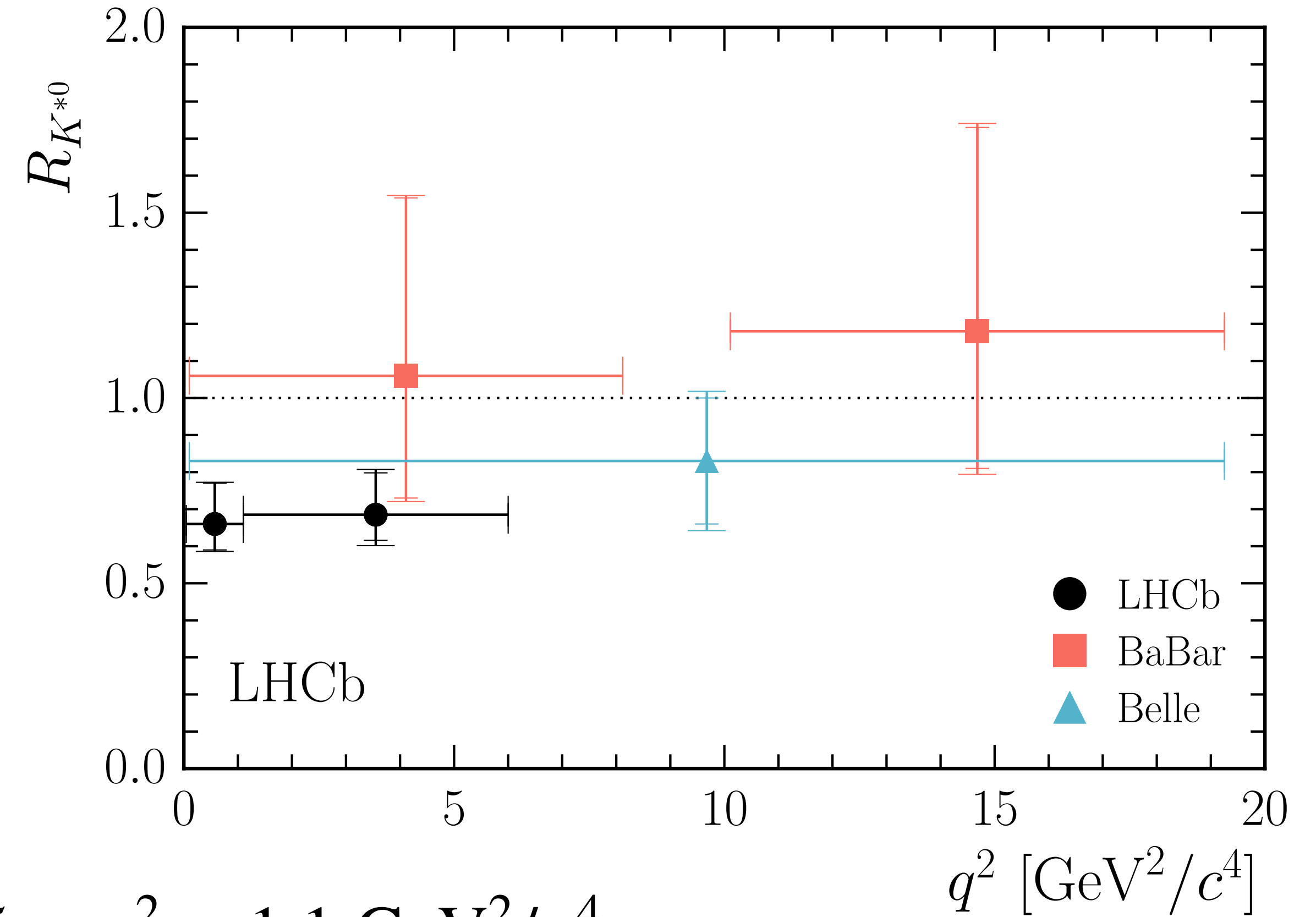
- Still compatible with the SM at  $2.5\sigma$  level!



# $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \ell^+ \ell^-$ LFU tests

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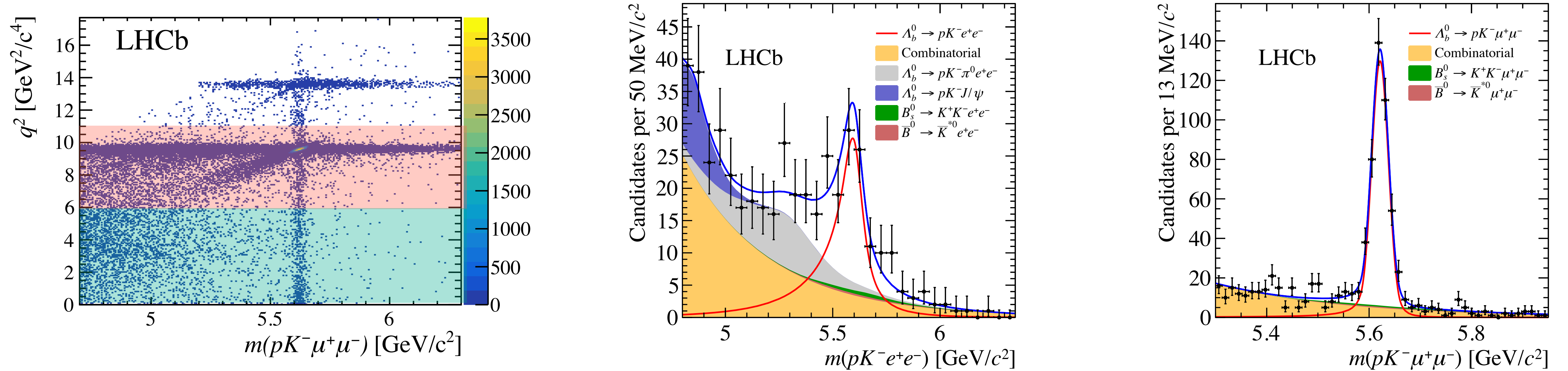
- Results use Run1 data  $\sim 3\text{fb}^{-1}$  of integrated luminosity
- Precision of  $\sim 17\%$  in both bins, statistically dominated
- Upcoming Run1+Run2 analysis expected to reduce uncertainty by a factor  $\sim 2$



$$R_{K^*} = \begin{cases} 0.66_{-0.07}^{+0.11} (\text{stat})_{-0.05}^{+0.03} (\text{syst}) & \text{for } 0.045 < q^2 < 1.1 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4 \\ 0.69_{-0.07}^{+0.11} (\text{stat})_{-0.05}^{+0.05} (\text{syst}) & \text{for } 1.1 < q^2 < 6.1 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4 \end{cases}$$

# LFU test with baryons

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- First test of LFU with b-baryons, using  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK\ell^+\ell^-$  decays, analogous to  $R(K^{(*)})$ , expected to be unity in the SM [[Fuentes-Martin et al.](#)]
- Analysis performed using Run1 + 2016 dataset
- Region considered for the measurement:  $m(pK^-) < 2.6$  GeV $^2/c^2$  and  $0.1 < q^2 < 6$  GeV $^2/c^4$
- Efficiency crosschecked with resonant  $J/\psi$  component in  $6 < q^2 < 11$  GeV $^2/c^4$



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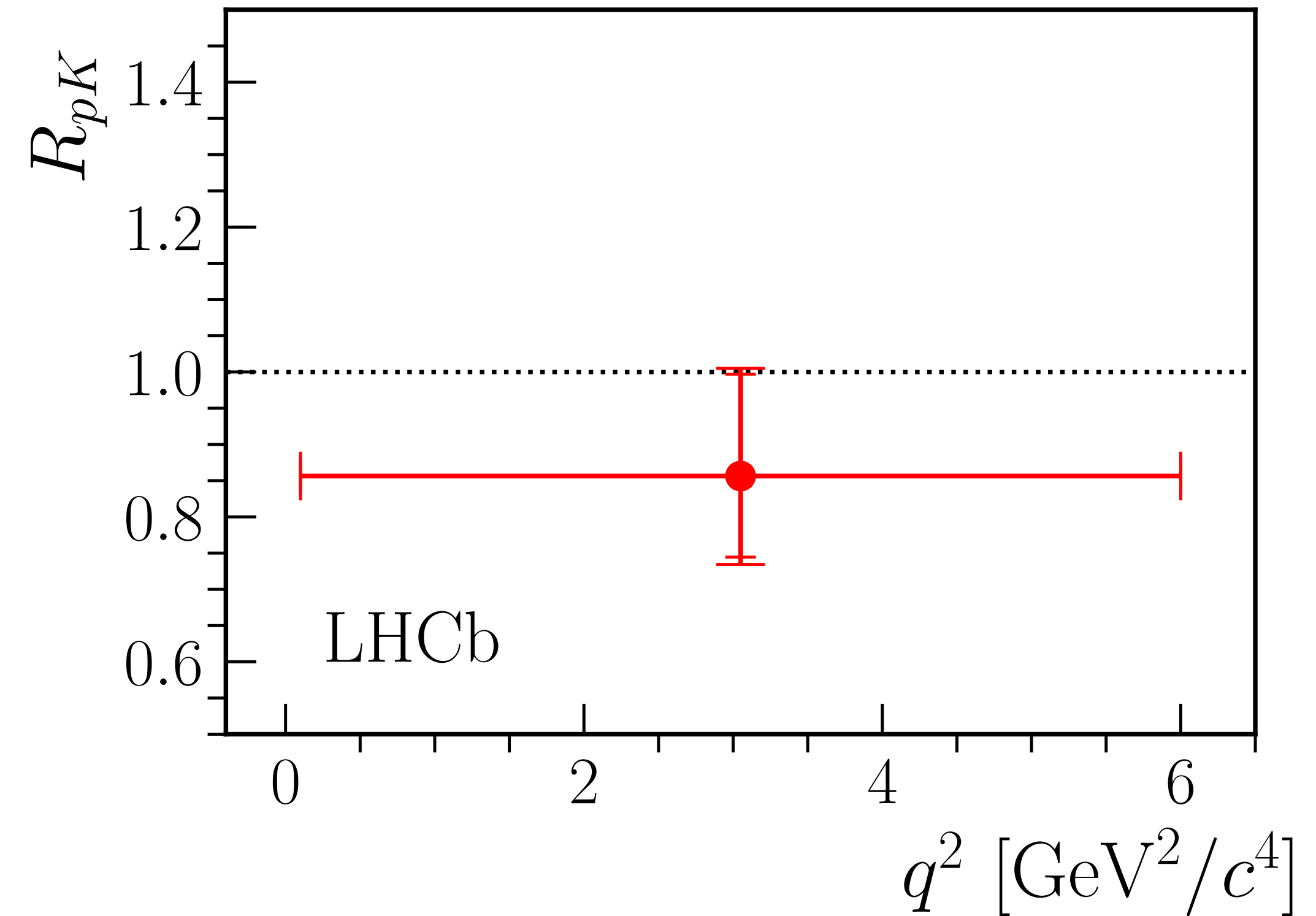
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- First observation of  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p K e^+ e^-$  with more than  $7\sigma$

$$\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p K e^+ e^-) \Big|_{0.1 < q^2 < 6 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4} = (3.1 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.3 \pm_{0.3}^{0.4}) \times 10^{-7}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p K \mu^+ \mu^-) \Big|_{0.1 < q^2 < 6 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4} = (2.65 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.29 \pm_{0.23}^{0.38}) \times 10^{-7}$$

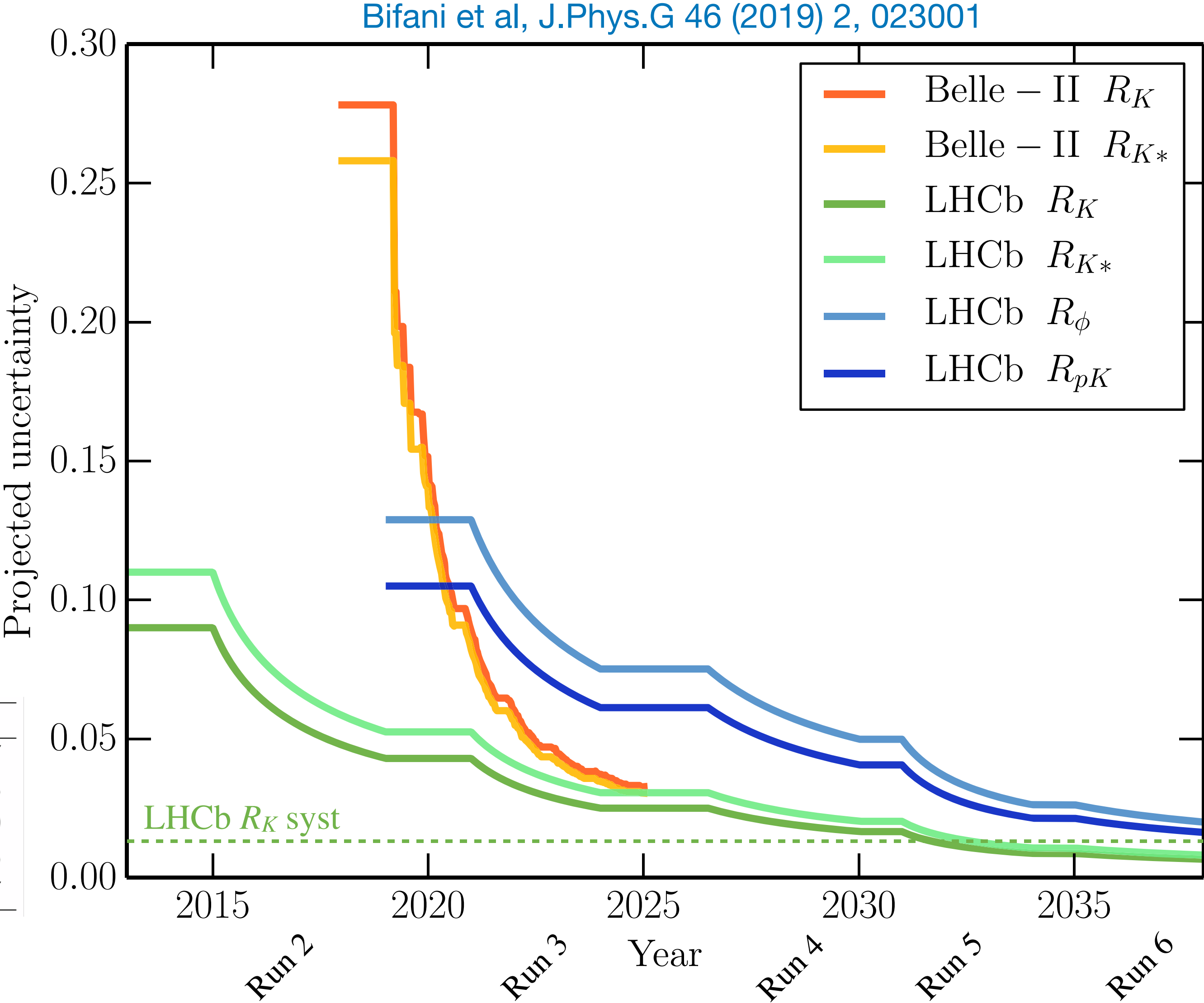
$$R_{pK} \Big|_{0.1 < q^2 < 6 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4} = 0.86_{-0.11}^{+0.14} \pm 0.05$$



# Prospects for $R_X$ measurements in LHCb

- Precision driven by the electron mode and projection based on the current performances
- $R_K$  hitting QED uncertainty during Run 6
- **Higher statistics will give access to additional observables such as  $R_\pi$**

$R_X$ precision	Run 1 result	9 fb <sup>-1</sup>	23 fb <sup>-1</sup>	50 fb <sup>-1</sup>	300 fb <sup>-1</sup>
$R_K$	$0.745 \pm 0.090 \pm 0.036$ [274]	0.043	0.025	0.017	0.007
$R_{K^*0}$	$0.69 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.05$ [275]	0.052	0.031	0.020	0.008
$R_\phi$	–	0.130	0.076	0.050	0.020
$R_{pK}$	–	0.105	0.061	0.041	0.016
$R_\pi$	–	0.302	0.176	0.117	0.047



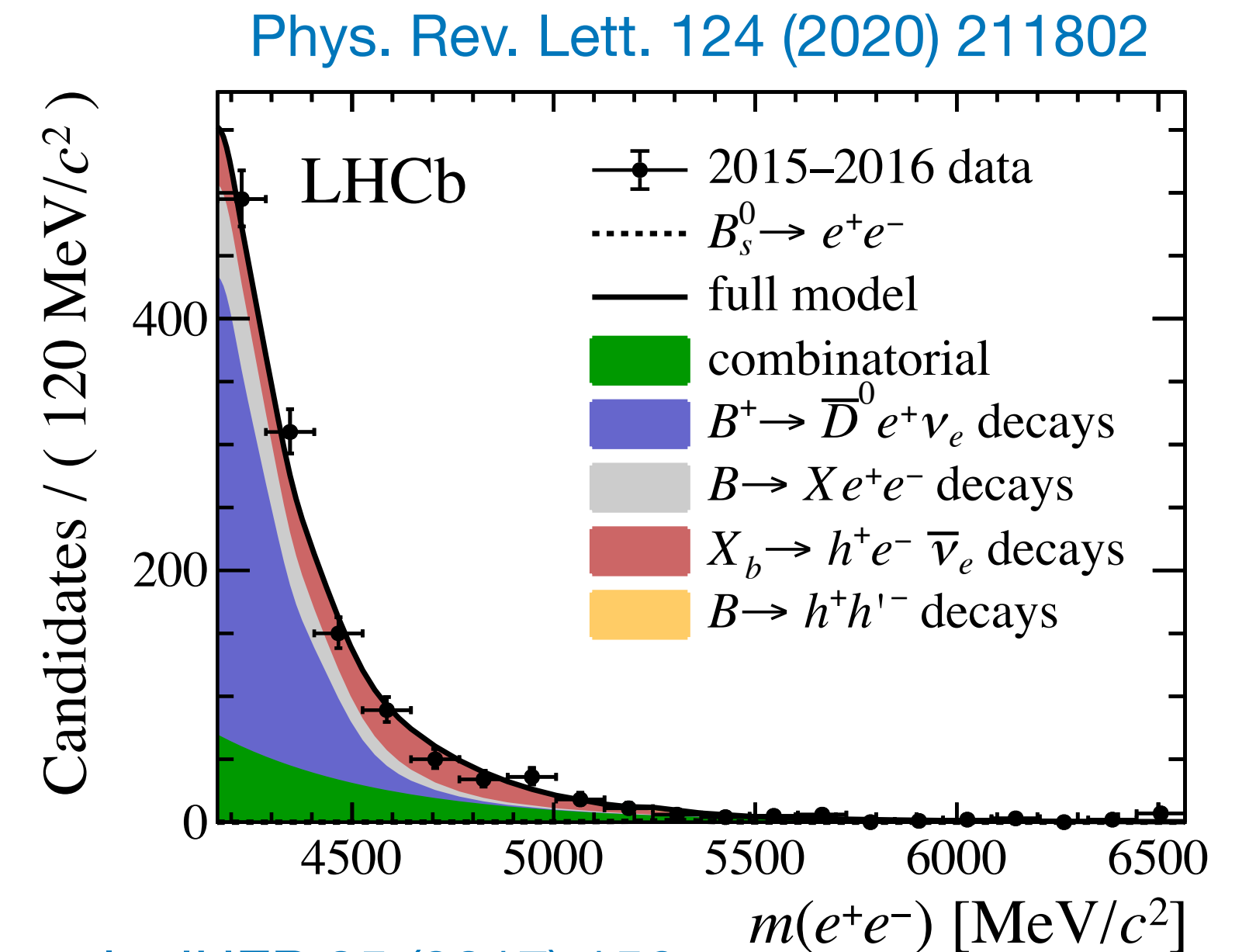


# Test of LFU with $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$ decays

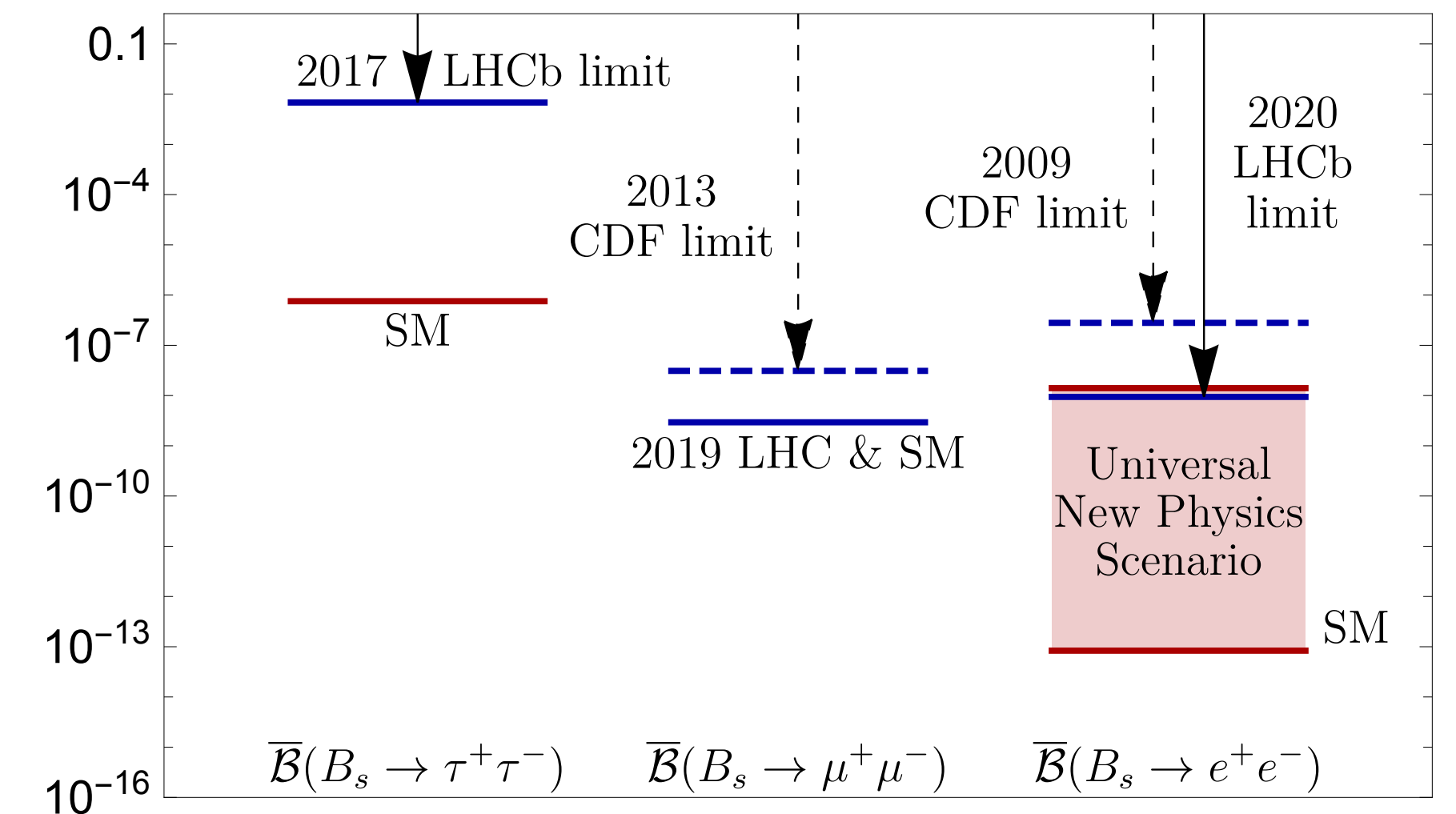
- Helicity suppressed by  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-4})$  relative to  $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$
- $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-) = (8.35 \pm 0.39) \times 10^{-14}$
- $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-) = (2.39 \pm 0.14) \times 10^{-15}$   
M. Beneke et al. JHEP 10 (2019) 232
- NP effects could increase BF's by  $\mathcal{O}(10^6)$
- Current analysis performed on Run1+2015+2016 data
- Signal extracted from UML fit on  $m_{e^+e^-}$

►  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-) < 11.2 \times 10^{-9}$  at 95 % CL

►  $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-) < 3.0 \times 10^{-9}$  at 95 % CL



Fleischer et al., JHEP 05 (2017) 156



# Prospects

- $B_s^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$  already probing possible LUV scenarios
- Potential backgrounds like  $B_s^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$  might become relevant with larger statistics
- Electron reconstruction/PID unknown after UpgradeII
- Also  $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$  even if far from SM expectations still powerful tool to constraint NP Leptoquark models  
[Phys. Rev. D 94, 115021 \(2016\)](#)
- Run1:  
 $\mathcal{B}(B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-) < 6.8 \times 10^{-3} @ 95 \% \text{ CL}$
- 300 fb<sup>-1</sup>:  
 $\mathcal{B}(B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-) < 2.6 - 5 \times 10^{-4} @ 95 \% \text{ CL}$

